PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF THE

ANTIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

Free and Accepted Masons

OF

NEW BRUNSWICK,

From A. L. 5867, to A. L. 5876, inclusive.

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Wm. F. Rinting
Grand Secy:

Preliminary Convention.

Freemason's Hall, Princess Street,
Saint John, N. B., 16th August, A. D. 1867.

At a meeting of Masters and Past Masters of Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, in the City of St. John, convened this day at 4 o'clock P. M., at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Saint John, the respective Lodges were represented as follows:—

Albion Lodge, No. 400, English Registry.

W. Bro. Christopher Murray, W.M.
" James Robertson, P. M.
" B. Lester Peters, P. M.
" Archibald Rowan, P. M.
" Thomas A. D. Forster, P. M.
" Thomas M. Reed, P. M.

Saint John's Lodge, No. 436, English Registry.

W. Bro. James Gordon Forbes, W. M.
" W. H. A. Keans, P. M.
" Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
" Charles E. Potter, P. M.
" Wm. Wedderburn, P. M.
" Robert G. Crozier, P. M.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 524, English Registry.

W. Bro. Henry Leonard, W. M.
" John V. Ellis, P. M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 535, English Registry.

W. Bro. David R. Munro, W. M.

W. Bro. John Frost, P. M.
" Robert Marshall, P. M.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1084, English Registry.
W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., W. M.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, Irish Registry.
W. Bro. John Mullin, W. M.
" John Willis, P. M.

Leinster Lodge, No. 347, Irish Registry.
W. Bro. Alfred A. Stockton, W. M.
" Edward Willis, P. M.

On motion, W. Bro. B. Lester Peters was called to the chair, and W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn was appointed Secretary.

The chairman called the meeting to order, and explained the object of it. He said :—

That in conversation held among several Masters and Past Masters and other prominent members of the craft, it was deemed desirable to hold a convention to consider the present altered position of the Masonic Status in this Province, consequent upon the Confederation of the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

He referred to a recent address of the Grand Master of Canada, (Most Worshipful Brother Wilson,) as quoted in the Freemasons' Magazine, published in Boston ; in which address the M. W. Grand Master of Canada brought to the notice of the craft the important changes which the Act of Union, confederating the provinces, had effected, and presented the whole matter for their careful consideration.

The chairman stated that, in view of the fact—that the *exclusive* right of erecting lodges in this province could no longer be maintained by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland—this meeting was called to consider whether or not it was desirable that a convention be held to discuss the courses open to the lodges in New Brunswick, viz. :—To form an independent grand lodge or to unite with the Grand Lodge of Canada, preparatory to the formation of a grand lodge for the Dominion.

This, therefore, was an informal meeting, convened for the purpose of talking the matter over in general conversation.

After an animated and harmonious discussion, the following resolution was proposed by W. Bro. J. V. Ellis, P. M., No. 524, seconded by W. Bro. R. Marshall, P. M., No. 535, and adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That the chairman and secretary of this meeting be authorized to address a circular to all lodges in New Brunswick under the jurisdictions of England, Ireland and Scotland, stating that this meeting deems it desirable that a convention should be held, to consider the present position of masonic affairs in this province, and to take such action thereon as may be deemed necessary. The lodges, so addressed, to be requested to authorize their Masters, Past Masters and Wardens to meet in such convention; and further, that any lodge, not in a position to be represented by the above officers, may appoint proxies in lieu thereof.

It was moved by Bro. James G. Forbes, W. M., No. 436, and seconded by Bro. James McNichol, Jr., W. M., No. 1084:—

That the convention be called for the second Wednesday in October next.

In amendment, it was moved by Bro. D. R. Munro, W. M., No. 535, and seconded by W. Bro. C. E. Potter, P. M., No. 436:—

That the convention be held on the second Wednesday in September next.

On call of yeas and nays, the amendment was negatived and the motion adopted.

Bro. Peters having vacated the chair, Bro. James Robertson, P. M., No. 460, was called thereto, when the thanks of the meeting were tendered to Bro. Peters for the ability and courteousness with which he had presided over its deliberations.

And thereupon the meeting was adjourned until the second Wednesday in October ensuing.

WM. WEDDERBURN, *Secretary.*

B. LESTER PETERS, *Chairman.*

MASONIC CONVENTION

OF THE

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF SAINT JOHN, OCTOBER 9th AND 10th, A. L. 5867.

Pursuant to resolution of meeting of Masters and Past Masters, held in the City of Saint John, on the 16th day of August last past, and in answer to the circular letter authorized at such meeting, the representatives of the respective lodges in New Brunswick, on the registeries of England, Scotland and Ireland, assembled in convention at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Saint John, on Wednesday, the ninth day of October, A. L. 5867, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

On motion of Bro. W. H. A. Keans, P. M., No. 436, E. R., and seconded by Bro. John Willis, P. M., No. 301, I. R., Bro. Benjamin Lester Peters, P. M., No. 400, E. R., was called to the chair, and on motion of Bro. Edward Willis, P. M., No. 347, I. R., and seconded by Bro. D. R. Munro, W. M., No. 535, E. R., Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, P. M., No. 436, was requested to act as secretary.

On motion of Bro. John V. Ellis, P. M., No. 524, E. R., and seconded by Bro. James Robertson, P. M., No. 400, E. R., the chairman appointed the following a committee to examine and report upon the credentials of all representatives applying for seats in this convention, viz:—

Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, P. M., No. 436, E. R.; Bro. George F. Gregory, W. M., No. 364, S. R.; Bro. John Mullin, W. M., No. 301, I. R.

Bro. Bunting, from the committee on credentials, reported the following brethren present, and duly accredited by their respective lodges to occupy seats and take part in the proceedings of this convention, viz. :—

Albion Lodge, No. 400, E. R.

W. Bro. Christopher Murray, W. M.
" James Robertson, P. M.
" Wm. W. Emslie, P. M.
" B. Lester Peters, P. M.
" Archibald Rowan, P. M.
" Thomas M. Reed, P. M.
Bro. Charles D. Thomson, S. W.
" George B. Cushing, J. W.

Saint John's Lodge, No. 436, E. R.

W. Bro. William H. A. Keans, P. M.
" Charles E. Potter, P. M.
" Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
" Wm. Wedderburn, P. M.
" John D. Short, P. M.
Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway, S. W.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 522, E. R.

W. Bro. Adolphus G. Beckwith, P. M.
" William Paisley, P. M.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 524, E. R.

W. Bro. Henry Leonard, W. M.
" Charles Ketchum, P. M.
" Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
" Samuel L. Brittain, P. M.
" Joseph Dunham, P. M.
" Sargent S. Littlehale, P. M.
" John V. Ellis, P. M.

Bro. Henry Littlehale, S. W.
" Isaac J. Olive, Jr., J. W.

Midian Lodge, No. 527, E. R.

W. Bro. G. Hudson Flewelling, W. M.
" Wm. P. Flewelling, P. M.
" M. W. Flewelling, P. M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 535, E. R.

W. Bro. David R. Munro, W. M.
" John Frost, P. M.
" Thomas H. Keohan, P. M.
" Robert Marshall, P. M.

Woodstock Lodge, No. 553, E. R.

Bro. John Leary, proxy.
" William M. Connell, proxy.

Saint George Lodge, No. 629, E. R.

Bro. Abram Young, proxy.

Alley Lodge, No. 664, E. R.

W. Bro. James V. Hanson, W. M.
" Rex M. King, P. M.

Howard Lodge, No. 668, E. R.

W. Bro. John Wallace, W. M.
Bro. Dennis A. Duffy, J. W.

Northumberland Lodge, No. 701, E. R.

W. Bro. Robert R. Call, W. M.

Miramichi Lodge, No. 775, E. R.

W. Bro. George H. Russell, P. M.
" Thomas F. Gillespie, P. M.

Zetland Lodge, No. 886, E. R.

W. Bro. Duncan S. Harper, W. M.
" Thomas Irving, P. M.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1084. E. R.

W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., W. M.
" James Mullin, P. M.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 301, I. R.

W. Bro. John Mullin, W. M.
" Mark N. Powers, P. M.
Bro. Charles Rogers.

Sussex Lodge, No. 377, I. R.

W. Bro. David Brown, P. M.
Bro. David Main, S. W.

Leinster Lodge, No. 347, I. R.

W. Bro. Alfred A. Stockton, W. M.
" John Willis, P. M.
" Edward Willis, P. M.
Bro. Asaph G. Blakslee, J. W.

Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 364, S. R.

W. Bro. George F. Gregory, W. M.
Bro. Nelson Campbell, S. W.

Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 376, S. R.

W. Bro. James McDougall, W. M.

[NOTE.—There are in New Brunswick twenty-six lodges, viz.: twenty English, three Irish and three Scotch; nineteen of these were represented in the convention, viz.: fourteen English, three Irish and two Scotch.]

It was moved by Bro. Wedderburn, P. M., No. 436, seconded by Bro. Marshall, P. M., No. 535, and

Resolved, That the foregoing representatives, as reported by the committe on credentials, be declared eligible to sit and vote in the convention.

Whereupon on call of roll, they severally answered to their names and were assigned seats according to seniority.

On motion of Bro. Keans, P. M., No. 436, seconded by Bro. Ellis, P. M., No. 524, it was

Resolved, That the rules governing the Grand Lodge of England be adopted for the government of this convention.

On motion of Bro. Ellis, P. M., No. 524, seconded by Bro. Stockton, W. M., No. 301, it was

Resolved, That each general vote of the convention shall be by individual representatives *viva voce;* and that a vote by lodges may be called for by any member, when each lodge shall have one vote.

By direction of the chairman, the minutes of the meeting of masters and past masters held on the 16th day of August last, were read and confirmed.

The Worshipful Chairman called the attention of the assembled delegates to the important matters to be submitted for their consideration, and the necessity of weighing each question with care, before recording their votes. He briefly stated the origin, progress and objects of the present convention, and called upon the secretary to read a copy of the circular issued to the respective lodges in the province, as per order of August 16th last.

Copy of Circular.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lodge No. on the Registry of

Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

At the annual communication of the grand lodge for the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, called the Grand Lodge of

Canada, the Most Worshipful Grand Master William Mercer Wilson, Esquire, in his address brought to the notice of that grand lodge the position of freemasonry, with special reference to the political changes which have united the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in one Dominion under the name of "Canada."

The remarks of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilson on this important subject as published for the information of the masonic world in *The Craftsman*, of Hamilton, Ontario, are as follows:—

"The new state of political existence upon which we are now entering necessarily brings up for our consideration the effect which it must to some extent have upon our position as a grand lodge. The name by which for many years we have been known in the masonic world, becomes now, it is alleged, a misnomer. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia which has supreme authority in that section of the new Dominion is as much a Grand Lodge of Canada as we ourselves are. The distinguished brother who presided at your last annual meeting approved of the idea of a general grand lodge, having provincial grand lodges in each province, and the Board of General Purposes, to whom the subject was referred, also reported favorably upon the suggestion made by my Most Worshipful predecessor, but at the same time advised that no immediate action be taken in the matter. What at the time was only an anticipation, has now become a reality; and while I readily admit that there is something particularly pleasing in the idea of uniting all members of our fraternity, who reside in the various provinces now confederated together in one grand body, and while contemplating also the probability of important territorial additions still to be made to the new Dominion, I must confess that I entertain grave doubts whether a union, embracing such an immense extent of country, would have a tendency to promote the best interests of masonry on this continent. In Great Britain, as you are aware, there is no general lodge; and in the neighboring Republic each state has a grand lodge which exercises supreme masonic authority in her own jurisdiction. In the year 1859 the subject of a general grand lodge for the United States was brought before a committee of grand officers for consideration, and by referring to my

address of that year, you will find that I, at that time, expressed the opinion, that the creation of a general grand lodge having jurisdiction over the several States of the Union would neither be expedient nor desirable.

"In submitting, however, the whole subject to your careful consideration, I do not wish it to be understood, that I either decidedly oppose or approve of the suggestions which have been made. All I mean to convey to you is, that thus far I have not been able to satisfy my own mind as to the wisest course to be pursued under our present circumstances. But I earnestly request for it that thoughtful and calm investigation which the great importance of the matter imperatively requires."

Recognizing the great importance of the subject thus submitted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilson for the consideration of the grand lodge over which he presides, and in view of the special interest which the whole matter presents, with particular reference to the position and prospects of freemasonry in this Province of New Brunswick, the Masters and Past Masters of the city lodges holding warrants from grand lodges in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland met for consultation on the 16th day of August instant, at the Masonic Hall, in the City of St. John.

The meeting was attended by twenty-two Masters and Past Masters of the city lodges under sister jurisdictions, and Worshipful Brother B. Lester Peters, Past Master of Albion Lodge, No. 400, E. R., was called to the chair, and Worshipful Brother William Wedderburn, Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 436, E. R., was requested to act as secretary.

The meeting adopted the following resolutions:—

"1. *Resolved*,—That the chairman and secretary of this meeting be requested to address a circular to the different lodges in New Brunswick under English, Irish and Scotch Registers, stating that this meeting deems it desirable that a convention should be held to con-

sider the present position of masonic affairs in this jurisdiction, and to take such action thereon as may appear necessary; and requesting them to appoint the Worshipful Master and Past Masters and the present Wardens to meet in such convention; and further, that any lodge, not being in a position to be represented by the above officers, may appoint proxies to represent them.

"2. *Resolved*,—That the convention be called for the second Wednesday in October next, at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John."

In compliance with the aforegoing resolutions this circular is issued to direct the attention of the several lodges in this province to the present position of the craft, and to the questions now arising as to the future constitutional status of freemasonry within this Province of New Brunswick.

It is contended that consequent on the confederation of the provinces, the Grand Lodge of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, called the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the body called the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia have, at least, concurrent jurisdiction with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland in granting warrants to establish lodges in this Province of New Brunswick, which, it is asserted, is at present what is termed "unoccupied masonic territory," that is, territory not in the exclusive possession of any recognized independent grand lodge.

If this is a tenable position it is evident that this province would become common ground for the operations of all these grand lodges; and, in that event, the exercise of masonic jurisdiction by so many governing authorities must create confusion in regulations, prevent unity of action, introduce differences in ritual, and impede the general advancement and prosperity of the fraternity in this province.

Forseeing these difficulties, Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilson appears to direct attention to two modes of dealing with these important questions. One, by the union of the

provinces under a General Grand Lodge for the Dominion; the other, by the establishing of an independent grand lodge in each province of the confederation.

Whatever opinion may be held on these positions it will be conceded that the whole question deserves careful consideration and calls for prompt action.

The subjects demanding consideration therefore appear to be :—

1. Whether the exclusive right of constituting lodges in this province can, in the altered political position of the province as a part of the Dominion of Canada, be preserved to the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland.

2. Whether in the opinion of the lodges in this province the interests of the fraternity and the general advancement and prosperity of our order would be best served by uniting in a General Grand Lodge for the whole Dominion of Canada, or the establishment of an independent Grand Lodge for the Province of New Brunswick.

It is desired and hoped that your lodge will appoint representatives authorized to join other lodges in a convention to meet at the City of Saint John, on Wednesday, the ninth day of October next, at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, at seven o'clock, p. m., to consider the general question of the present position and future prospects of freemasonry in this province and to act thereon as may be deemed most expedient.

It is desired that your lodge should be represented by the Master, Past Masters and present Wardens, or in case none of those officers can conveniently attend, that delegates be chosen from your lodge, fully authorized to act for your lodge at such meeting.

The proposed meeting is requested in the hope that on

fraternal discussion of the whole matter, agreement may be secured, and unanimous action taken by the several lodges in this province.

Dated at the City of St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick, the 17th day of August, A. D., 1867.

B. LESTER PETERS, P. M., No. 400,
Chairman.

WM. WEDDERBURN,
Secretary.

The following was offered by Bro. Rowan, P. M., No. 400, seconded by Bro. Gregory, W. M., No. 364:—

That the further consideration of the subjects referred to in the foregoing circular and the chairman's address be postponed six years.

Which was negatived: five representatives only voting in favor of it.

The following resolution was moved by Bro. Ellis, P. M., No. 524, seconded by Bro. Wedderburn, P. M., No. 436:—

Whereas, the existence of lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in this province hailing from three several grand lodges, with the prospect of the introduction of other jurisdictions at an early day, creates a diversity of interests and allegiance, an absence of harmony in working and action, perpetuating local and national feelings, and thus estranging the affections of brethren whose "*Order* knows no country and is confined to no race."

Therefore, be it Resolved; That, in order to apply a remedy to these evils, to form perfect fraternal union and harmony, to establish order and ensure tranquility, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the craft, and secure to the fraternity of New Brunswick all the blessings of masonic privileges, it is expedient and right, and our bounden duty to form a grand lodge in and for the Province of New Brunswick.

In amendment, the following was proposed by Bro. G. H. Flewelling, W. M., No. 527, and seconded by Bro. Beckwith, P. M., No. 522:—

Whereas, it is the opinion of this convention that our respective grand lodges have used us courteously;

Therefore Resolved, That, considering the present position of masonic affairs in this province, it is desirable for the lodges in this province to be joined together under one jurisdiction;

And further Resolved, That the respective grand lodges now having concurrent jurisdiction in this province be memorialized upon the subject, and permission requested for the lodges to act as may seem most advisable for the interests of masonry.

A question of order having at this stage arisen as to the propriety of entertaing an amendment to an amendment, it was moved by Bro. Wedderburn, P. M., No. 436, seconded by Bro. Stockton, W. M., No. 347, and agreed to:

That, during the deliberations of this convention, it will be in order to propose a motion, an amendment, and an amendment to an amendment.

It was thereupon moved, as an amendment to the foregoing amendment, by Bro. Gregory, W. M., No. 364, and seconded by Bro. Campbell of No. 364:—

Resolved, That this convention recommends to the several lodges in the province to immediately present their several petitions to their respective grand lodges, setting forth the present masonic status and difficulties in this province, and praying that permission be given to discuss the propriety of establishing a Grand Lodge in and for New Brunswick, and if deemed advisable, to be allowed to proceed in establishing such grand lodge.

After a lengthy and harmonious discussion, pending the vote, Bro. Gregory asked leave to withdraw the amendment to amend proposed by him, which request, by vote of the convention, was granted.

And thereupon the delegates from Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 364, asked and obtained permission to retire from the convention.

Upon the request of Bro. Flewelling, the mover, leave was granted him to withdraw the amendment.

Upon taking the vote on the original resolution, (all the delegates present voting) it was carried by a large majority —there being but three negatives.

Upon a call for a vote by lodges, the delegates from Howard and Zetland Lodges stated, that although personally in favor of the resolution, they had no authority to record a vote for their respective lodges.

The roll of lodges having been called, sixteen answered by their delegates in favor of the resolution, being an unanimous vote by lodges, viz :—Albion, Saint John's, Solomon's, Carleton Union, Midian, Union of Portland, Woodstock, St. George, Alley, Northumberland, Miramichi, New Brunswick Hibernia, Leinster, Sussex, Saint Andrew.

The convention adjourned to meet again to-morrow, at two o'clock, p. m.

B. LESTER PETERS,
Chairman.

WM. WEDDERBURN,
Secretary.

MASONIC HALL, PRINCESS STREET,

Thursday afternoon, October 10th, 1867.

The convention re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment, at 2 o'clock p. m. Past Master B. Lester Peters in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

On motion of Bro. Keans, P. M. No. 436, seconded by Bro. Brown, P. M. No. 327, it was

Unanimously Resolved, That the representatives now in convention assembled, on behalf of the lodges represented by them, do hereby declare themselves to be "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

A vote on the foregoing resolution, by lodges, having been called, the following lodges, by their representatives, voted *unanimously* in favor thereof, being also an unanimous vote of all the lodges represented at this meeting, viz:—Albion, Saint John's, Carleton Union, Midian, Union of Portland, Woodstock, Alley, Northumberland, Miramichi, New Brunswick, Hibernia, Sussex, Leinster, and Saint Andrew.

(NOTE—The representatives of Solomon's and Saint George Lodges were not present when the foregoing vote was taken.)

On motion of Bro. Wedderburn, P. M., No. 436, seconded by Bro. Call, W. M., No. 701, it was

Unanimously Resolved, That the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England be, for the present adopted as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, so far as the same may be found applicable to existing circumstances, except nevertheless, that the following officers shall be elected by grand lodge, viz:—Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer and Grand Tyler; the remaining officers to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. Marshall, P. M., No. 535, seconded by Bro. John Willis, P. M., No. 301, it was

Resolved, That this grand lodge proceed to the election of office-bearers, and that such election shall be conducted by nomination and ballot.

Whereupon, on nomination of Bro. D. R. Munro, W. M. No. 535, the Right Worshipful Brother Robert T. Clinch, at present District Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of

England, was unanimously and by acclamation elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. Wedderburn, P. M., No. 400, seconded by Bro. Marshall, P. M., No. 535, the chairman appointed the Worshipful Brothers W. H. A. Keans, P. M., John Willis, P. M., and James McDougal, W. M., being the senior representatives present of the lodges heretofore hailing from England, Ireland and Scotland, a delegation to wait upon the Right Worshipful Brother Clinch to inform him of the action of this grand Lodge, and to request his acceptance of the office of Grand Master.

Upon the return of the delegation, Bro. Keans reported that, pursuant to the direction of grand lodge, the delegates had waited upon the R. W. Bro. Clinch and conveyed to him the wishes of the grand lodge. Bro. Clinch replied, that he was exceedingly sorry that the official position he now held as District Grand Master under the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and which he had not resigned, must in itself preclude him from accepting the distinguished office unanimously tendered to him by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick; that, at the same time he had no desire to fill any office, notwithstanding his full appreciation of the compliment paid him.

The grand lodge thereupon proceeded to the election of grand officers, when the following were duly nominated and unanimously elected by acclamation, viz:—

M. W. B. Lester Peters,.....Grand Master.
R. W. William Wedderburn,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Hon. Wm. P. Flewelling,....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. David Brown,.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. William Donald, D. D., Grand Chaplain.
V. W. Wm. H. A. Keans,.....Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Bro. Edward Willis, seconded by Bro. James Robertson, it was

Resolved, That the number and status of each lodge, represented at the organization of this grand lodge, shall be determined by the date of the warrant from the grand lodge respectively under which they have worked up to the time of the formation of this grand lodge.

On motion of Bro. John V. Ellis, seconded by Bro. William Wedderburn, it was

Resolved, That, until the issue of proper warrants, the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall be empowered to grant dispensations, under his sign manual, to all lodges in the province desiring to continue their work.

On motion of Bro. John V. Ellis, seconded by Bro. Robert Marshall, it was

Resolved, That each lodge represented at and assisting in the organization of this grand lodge, shall have warrants issued to them for the sum of two dollars.

On motion of Bro. Edward Willis, seconded by Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to frame a constitution and general regulations for the government of this grand lodge, and report thereon at the next communication.

Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Master-elect appointed as such committee, Brothers William Wedderburn, John V. Ellis, Wm. F. Bunting, Robert Marshall and Edward Willis.

On motion of Bro. John V. Ellis, seconded by Bro. George B. Cushing, it was

Resolved, That immediately upon the appointment of a grand secretary, all grand lodges be notified of the erection and organization of this grand lodge, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada be invited to visit and consecrate this grand lodge and install the grand master-elect; and in the event of his being

unable to attend, that the grand master-elect be authorized to invite the Most Worshipful Grand Master, or a Past Grand Master, of the neighboring Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, to be present and assist in the installation.

On motion of Bro. William Wedderburn, seconded by Bro. David R. Munro, it was

Resolved, That the minutes of the preliminary meeting of masters and past masters, held on the sixteenth day of August last, the circular letter issued pursuant to resolution of that meeting, and the minutes of yesterday and to-day's convention, be placed on the files and entered on the records of this grand lodge.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That all lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in the Province of New Brunswick, be required to surrender to their respective grand lodges, on or before the thirty-first day of May next, the warrants now held by them.

After a most harmonious session, the convention was adjourned until the necessary arrangements be made for consecrating the grand lodge, and installing the grand master-elect.

B. LESTER PETERS,
Chairman.

WM. WEDDERBURN,
Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

HELD AT

SAINT JOHN, 22nd, 23rd and 24th JANUARY, A. L. 5868, A. D. 1868.

At the Masonic Hall, Princess street, in the City of Saint John, on the 22nd day of January, A. D., 1868, at 7 o'clock in the evening, a lodge of master masons was opened in due form, the grand master-elect, W. Brother Benjamin Lester Peters in the east, W. Brother Christopher Murray in the west, and W. Brother Edwin J. Wetmore in the south: and in the presence of a large and influential gathering of members of the craft from all parts of the province, hailing from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland.

The grand master-elect informed the brethren that this meeting had been summoned, according to resolution of convention, for the purpose of proceeding in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the Province of New Brunswick, and that the grand master-elect would now be installed according to antient usage.

The grand master-elect appointed W. Brother John V. Ellis to act as Grand Director of Ceremonies, who reported the Worshipful Brother John Willis, Past Master of Hibernia Lodge, and the Senior Past Master of this jurisdiction, in waiting, and ready to install the M. W. Grand Master-elect into his high and responsible office.

The grand master-elect thereupon appointed the following past masters a deputation to retire and introduce the installing officer, viz:—

W. Bro. W. H. A. KEANS, P. M., ... Saint John's Lodge.
" S. P. WETMORE, P. M., ... Carleton Union Lodge.
" DAVID WETMORE, P. M., . . . Midian Lodge.
" JAMES ROBERTSON, P. M., . . Albion Lodge.
" JAMES McNICHOL, SR., P. M. Hibernia Lodge.
" THOMAS M. REED, P. M., . . . Albion Lodge.

Who, accompanied by the director of ceremonies, withdrew and immediately after returned to the lodge escorting Bro. Willis, who was received by all the brethren standing.

After being formally introduced by the director of ceremonies, he was cordially welcomed by the grand master-elect who thereupon resigned his chair and gavel to him, and requested that he proceed with the important ceremony assigned to him.

The Grand master-elect, Most Worshipful Benjamin Lester Peters was duly obligated, invested and installed Grand Master of New Brunswick and saluted with the grand honors.

Ode by the choir.

Proclamation was then made in the east, west and south.

After prayer by the chaplain, the masters' lodge was closed in due form.

The grand master and officers, elect and designated retired, and after being clothed with their proper grand lodge aprons, collars, jewels, etc., re-entered the lodge in procession, the brethren receiving them standing.

The M. W. Grand Master was escorted to the east, and

thereupon opened the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in *ample* form.

Opening hymn by the choir.

The grand master made announcement in the east, which was responded to in the west and south, that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was about to be consecrated and dedicated, and enjoined upon all the brethren due order and decorum.

A procession of the acting grand officers was then formed around the *lodge*, with an accompaniment of solemn music played on the organ.

The grand lodge was duly consecrated and dedicated according to ancient custom.

Prayer by grand chaplain.

Anthem—"The Earth is the Lord's"—by the choir.

Proclamation in the east, west, and south.

Grand honors.

The following officers, elected and appointed, were installed, invested and proclaimed, viz:—

R. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN, . . Deputy Grand Master.
" WM. P. FLEWELLING, ... Senior Grand Warden.
" DAVID BROWN, ... Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. WM. DONALD, D. D. . . Grand Chaplain.
" WM. H. A. KEANS, ... Grand Treasurer.
" WM. F. BUNTING, ... Grand Secretary.
W. *JOHN RICHARDS, ... Senior Grand Deacon.
" BENJ. R. STEVENSON, ... Junior Grand Deacon.
" JOHN V. ELLIS, ... Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
" ROBERT MARSHALL, ... Asst. " "
" *JAMES McDOUGALL, ... Grand Sword Bearer.

" JOHN MULLIN,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
" HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
" JAMES MULLIN,.....Grand Pursuivant.
" EDWARD WILLIS,.....Grand Steward.
" SARGENT S. LITTLEHALE,.. do.
" ROBERT R. CALL,..... do.
" *HUGH A. MCKENZIE,..... do.
" *THOMAS F. GILLESPIE,.... do.
" *JOHN WALLACE,..... do.
*Bro. JOHN BOYER,.....Grand Tyler.

[*These brethren not being present were not invested. Bro. Wallace was invested at a subsequent session].

Ode by the choir.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the grand lodge. He said:—

In assuming the responsible office of Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, to which I have had the honor of being elected by the vote of my brethren in convention, it may be desirable that I should refer briefly to the circumstances which led to the erection of this grand lodge.

It is known to you all that the lodges in this province were established under warrant from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland; and this province being a British Colony, these grand lodges of the United Kingdom exercised concurrent jurisdiction here: yet the province, not being in the possession of a grand body having exclusive jurisdiction within its boundaries, was what is known as "unoccupied masonic territory."

During the early part of the past year the Imperial Parliament passed the Act of Union under which, from the first day of July last, the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, were united in one Dominion under the name of "Canada." Up to that time no grand lodge out of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, had claimed the right of issuing warrants into this province and erecting lodges here.

An independent grand lodge had some years ago been established in what was then the Province of Canada, now the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, part of the Dominion of Canada; and lodges in the

Province of Nova Scotia had organized an independent grand lodge there, now also within the Dominion of Canada. The confederation of the separate provinces, under the Act of Union, immediately opened this province to the grand lodges of Canada and Nova Scotia, as territory into which their warrants for the erection of lodges could be issued.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Canada, in his last annual address to the grand lodge over which he presides, directed the attention of that body to the altered masonic position in the Dominion, consequent on the Act of Confederation; and the suggestions of the M. W. Grand Master of Canada on this important subject were referred to a committee of that grand lodge. The report of that committee I will read to you as published in the printed proceedings of that grand lodge.

See Proceedings—Pages 372, 373, 374 and 375, as follows:—

"The special committee to whom had been referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address having reference to the position of the grand lodge, submitted the following

Report.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada in Grand Lodge assembled:

M. W. Sir, Officers and Brethren,

"Your committee, whom the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, in accordance with the vote of grand lodge, was pleased to appoint to take into consideration that portion of his address having reference to the formation of a grand lodge for the Dominion of Canada, beg leave to report that having taken into their most careful and mature consideration that portion of the M. W. the G. M's. address referred to them, have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of freemasonry require that the present position, standing and name of this grand lodge be maintained; trusting that the love of union, and a sincere desire to promote the best interests of masonry, will induce the members of our fraternity residing in other parts of the New Dominion eventually to unite with us in securing a harmonious and supreme masonic government in the Dominion of Canada. And in order that this grand lodge may be perfectly cognizant of the mode in which your committee arrived at this conclusion, they submit for the information of grand lodge a transcript of their proceedings.

"It was moved by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, W. M.

Wilson, and seconded by the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, W. B. Simpson,

"'That this committee having anxiously and most carefully considered all the circumstances connected with the recent political change that has taken place, have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of masonry require that the present position, standing and name of this grand lodge be maintained, trusting that the love of union, and a sincere desire to promote the best interests of masonry, will induce the members of our fraternity residing in other parts of the New Dominion, eventually to unite with us in securing a harmonious and supreme masonic government in Canada.'

"In amendment to the above, it was moved by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, D. G. M., and seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, D. D. G. M., E. T. D., that all the words in the foregoing resolution after "require" be left out and the following words inserted, so that the whole will read thus:

"'That this committee have anxiously and most carefully considered all the circumstances connected with the recent political change that has taken place have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of masonry require the organization of a grand lodge in each of the four provinces now constituting the Dominion of Canada, being satisfied that this course would be strictly in accordance with the laws and regulations of freemasonry respecting the establishment of grand lodges, and believing that a more substantial union would thereby be secured, and also that the affairs of the craft would be much more effectively and economically managed by this method than by any other,'

"On division the following vote was taken on the amendment:

"*Yeas*—M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, P. G. M.; R.W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, D. G. M.; R.W. Bro. J. H. Graham, D. D. G. M.

"*Nays*,—M.W. Bro.W. M.Wilson, G. M.; M.W. Bro.W. B. Simpson, P. G. M.; R.W. Bro. James Moffatt, P. D. D. G. M.

"The above vote having been declared, M.W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, P. G. M.; chairman of the committee, voted 'nay.'

"On division, the following vote was then taken on the resolution:

"*Yeas*—Brothers Wilson, Simpson and Moffatt.

"*Nays*—Brothers Bernard, Stevenson and Graham.

"The foregoing vote having been declared, Bro. Harrington voted 'yea.' Thus the original motion was carried by a majority of one.

"Signed by all the members of the committee.

"J. H. GRAHAM,

"D. D. G. M., E. T. D.,

"*Sec. for Committee.*"

"It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Moffatt,

"That the foregoing report be received and adopted."

"After some further discussion,

"It was moved, in amendment, by R. W. Bro. James Moffat, seconded by V. W. Bro. John K. Clare, and

"'*Resolved*,—That the report of the special committee on grand master's address be received, and that the further discussion thereon be postponed until the next communication of grand lodge."

Thus then the masonic position of the Dominion of Canada having been brought prominently forward and the Grand Lodge of Canada having deferred further discussion thereon until the next annual communication, it was thought desirable by the masters and past masters of the lodges in this city, that in the intermediate time, the craft in this province should seriously consider and calmly discuss the question in its relation to the fraternity in this part of the Dominion, and a meeting of masters and past masters of city lodges was held on the sixteenth day of August last. The minutes of which meeting are before you. When, as you are aware, it was resolved that a circular should be addressed to the lodges, and that the lodges in this province should be requested to meet in convention at this city, on the ninth day of October last.

There were within this province, twenty lodges on the registry of the "United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England," three lodges on the registry of the "Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland," and three lodges on the registry of the "Grand Masonic Lodge of Ireland."

The convention was attended by representatives from fourteen duly warranted lodges on English registry. The three on the registry of Ireland, and two on the registry of Scotland. The proceedings of the convention are fully before you.

At that convention, sixteen of the lodges represented, unanimously acting together, erected themselves into this Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, upon the ancient charges and constitutions of the craft—adopted a constitution for present government—elected a grand master and officers thereunder—passed resolutions to regulate intermediate action and adjourned until arrangements were fully made for the installation of the grand master-elect, and the complete organization of grand lodge.

The important work thus began, has been now happily consummated, and it is a matter of great congratulation that the Grand Lodge of New

Brunswick has been erected by so large a majority of the lodges in this province.

The only question that has arisen in the discussion of this matter, deterring some of the lodges from at once joining in this organization, is what has been termed the question of allegiance to the grand body from which original warrant is held. It is argued by some, that the assent of the parent grand lodge is necessary to the formation of an independent grand lodge.

As a matter of courtesy to the grand body it would doubtless be desirable that the earliest information should be given of the circumstances that called for the formation of an independent grand lodge, and their concurrence therein requested. But that preliminary application was rendered impracticable in our case, consequent upon the fact that two lodges expressed their determination of taking out warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada, unless the course was immediately determined on of erecting a grand lodge here ; and a number of masons in a border county desirous of erecting a lodge were on the eve of applying for warrant to the Grand Lodge of Canada. It therefore became important, to avoid any possibility of question or collision between the craft in this and the adjoining province, that possession of this jurisdiction should be taken without delay.

To the question of the duty of consulting mother grand lodges and the legality of action without their consent, I have directed my most anxious consideration for many months past, and it is my opinion that when a grand body issues a warrant to erect a number of masons into a lodge in any province or territory outside of its own exclusive jurisdiction, there rests with the lodge so created the right to join with other duly warranted lodges of sufficient number in erecting an independent masonic jurisdiction in any such territory ; provided that there be a majority of lodges within the territory acting in the formation of the grand body.

I will not, however, detain grand lodge by entering fully at present into the argument upon which that opinion is based.

This grand lodge was organized by the action of sixteen duly warranted lodges (namely, twelve of English registry, three of Irish and one of Scotch,) out of twenty-six lodges within the province, and since the organization four other lodges have already resolved to accept warrant from this body, and three lodges are favorably considering the matter and have communicated with me, asking information as to the time within which they can come in on equal privileges with the first

acting lodges; so that in reality there are but three lodges that have not taken some action.

I hope at the first annual communication to be able to announce to the craft the cordial allegiance of all the lodges within the province to this grand lodge.

I recommend to grand lodge to admit the lodges now asking to join with us on as favorable terms as to number on registry according to date of former warrant, as was resolved in convention for the arrangement of the lodges joining in the erection of this grand lodge.

The question of ritual is one which demands the careful consideration of grand lodge. It will be readily admitted by all that uniformity in ritual through all parts of this jurisdiction is essentially necessary. The work that has within the last few years been adopted by the lodges in this city, as exemplified under the able instruction of the learned and Worshipful Brother Caleb Rand, Past Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, will be fully rehearsed during this session of grand lodge, with the lectures on the several degrees.

It will be my endeavor to have such ritual as may be adopted by this grand lodge closely adhered to in all lodges under this jurisdiction; and I shall feel it to be a personal responsibility not to issue warrants for the erection of new lodges until I am satisfied that the proposed officers are prepared to conduct the ritual according to the form you may adopt.

There is another subject that deserves the consideration of the craft, and of which I am reminded by the over crowded condition of the hall in which we meet this evening. I allude to the necessity which exists of providing for the comfortable accommodation of the fraternity in some hall or building large enough to admit the craft when lodges are called together. The room where we are now assembled is scarcely adapted for the meeting of a private lodge. I have been present on many occasions at regular meetings here when the attendance of brethren was so large that this room was entirely insufficient for the accommodation of members, with any regard to the space required for the due practice of our rites. It will be admitted by all, that for occasions such as the present, or indeed at any time when several lodges are called to meet at the same hour, it is impossible to afford even standing room for a comparatively small number of the fraternity.

The erection of a Masonic Temple in this city, for the honor of our antient craft, is a work in which I feel satisfied that the brethren in all parts of the province would be interested; and I trust that some

measure will be adopted by grand lodge, having in view an object so desirable.

I desire to announce to you, that in accordance with the resolution of convention, I did communicate with the Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, inviting his attendance at the consecration of this grand lodge, and his assistance in the ceremonies of installation; and I received from him a prompt and most corteous reply, in which, while he informed me that he was not in a position to meet our wishes in that particular, he offered his cordial congratulations on the success which had attended our convention, and expressed his pleasure in learning that a Grand Lodge for New Brunswick had been established. He wrote that he entertained the hope that at no distant day he might have an opportunity of discussing with the brethren here and in Nova Scotia the masonic position of the Dominion, and added this remark: "At present I will only say, that firmly believeing that it would be for the good of masonry for the three grand lodges, now established in Canada, to unite on equal terms in forming one grand and supreme authority, I can only recommend the subject to the best consideration of yourself and brethren."

At my request, M. W. Brother Wilson communicated invitation to Past Grand Master Simpson of the Grand Lodge of Canada; but Most Worshipful Brother Simpson replied, that the state of his health prevented his taking so long a journey at this season of the year.

I also communicated to the Most Worshipful Grand Master Murray, of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, the desire of this grand lodge, that he, with past grand masters of his jurisdiction, would be present with us to assist in the ceremonies of this day. M. W. Grand Master Murray, and M. W. Past Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond, addressed to me the most fraternal and congratulatory letters on the subject of the formation of this grand lodge. The masonic engagements of Past Grand Master Drummond, requiring his presence in the State of Connecticut, prevented his coming here. I hoped up to yesterday that the craft in this province would have been honored by the presence of Most Worshipful Grand Master Murray to conduct the ceremonies of this evening. On yesterday, however, a letter reached me, which I will now read to you.

"GRAND LODGE OF MAINE,
Office of the Grand Master, Portland, January 20, 1868.

B. LESTER PETERS, Esquire,
Grand Master-elect, New Brunswick.

HONORED SIR AND FRATER:

I am compelled at this late hour to relinquish the small hope I had of being present on the occasion that marks a new era in the history of our order in your province. Since receiving your last telegram, I have endeavoured to arrange my affairs so as to be with you on that interesting and important occasion, but the situation of my family and the character of my business render it impossible for me to do so. I can only, therefore, renew the sentiments of regret expressed in a former communication to you, and the loss I feel at not being able to accept the pleasure and the honor of this invitation. I should esteem it a great pleasure to conduct the ceremony of consecrating your new grand lodge, and feel honored in the privilege of conducting you into the Oriental chair, and and saluting you as Grand Master of Masons in New Brunswick. This highly prized opportunity I am obliged to forego; and I have only the privilege remaining of sending my greetings to you and the grand lodge, which I do by Worshipful Brother D. E. Seymour, who will probably be present with you.

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With ardent desire for the complete success of your noble work, and a warm interest for the welfare of the craft in your jurisdiction, and with sentiments of high respect and personal esteem for yourself,

I am, truly and fraternally your brother,
TIMOTHY J. MURRAY".

Thus, my brothers, while regretting the absence of the distinguished brethren for whose assistance we hoped, the inauguration of this grand lodge, and its final consecration and complete establishment, has devolved upon this jurisdiction; and we have this evening exercised the undoubted masonic right of perfecting our own organization.

I trust and believe that this important step, which, under the circumstances to which I have referred, we have felt it our duty to take, will, under the protection of the Great Architect of the Universe, result in the advancement and prosperity of our Antient and Honorable Fraternity in this jurisdiction.

It is now, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful and Worshipful Brethren, my pleasing duty and privilege to welcome to this grand lodge, Worshipful Brother D. E. Seymour of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, who, at great personal toil and inconvenience has, at this inclement season of the year, visited this city for the purpose of being present at this first convocation of the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

The M. W. Grand Master then called up grand lodge, and delivered an address of welcome to W. Bro. D. E. Seymour, who occupied a seat on the right of the throne.

W. Bro. Seymour, in a most eloquent reply, congratulated the grand master and the craft in New Brunswick, on the establishment of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, under such favorable auspices; and stated that he was directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Maine, on his behalf, to welcome the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick into the circle of grand lodges. The Worshipful Brother Seymour then, on behalf of the Grand Master of the State of Maine, did, in the presence of grand lodge and the assembled brethren, extend the right hand of fellowship and brotherhood to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master submitted a draft of a proposed Book of Constitutions and General Regulations, together with a report of the committee appointed at the convention held on the tenth day of October last.

Report.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., 22nd January, 1868.

The committee appointed to prepare a Constitution and Regulations for the government of grand lodge and of the craft in New Brunswick, beg to report :—

That they have carefully examined and compared the constitutions respectively of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, etc., and after amending and adding to sections contained in them, and preparing new provisions suitable to this jurisdiction, submit the accompanying draft for the approval of grand lodge.

Your committee have endeavored to make the constitution as perfect as possible, but they have no doubt that time and experience will suggest many improvements. It has been their aim, however, to make the "machinery" of masonry in this jurisdiction as simple as possible.

Your committee recommend that the draft constitution, after receiving the sanction of grand lodge, be referred back to them, with instructions and authority to have the same published, with the grand secretary's report of the grand lodge proceedings, and generally distributed among the lodges in this province and elsewhere, as is

customary for grand lodges; and that this committee report at the next annual communication upon any amendments which may have been brought under their notice, and which in their opinion may require the action of grand lodge.

Your committee recommend this course in order that the constitution may be fully discussed and considered by the craft during the year, and that all necessary amendments may be made before the constitution is published in a more permanent form.

Your committee cannot conclude their present labors without adding that, while they have given great care and attention to the important duties committed to them, they entertain the hope that the grand lodge will devote calm and earnest consideration to their report, and fully and freely examine the constitution as proposed, in the hope that, when adopted, it may be found reasonably free from imperfections.

WM. WEDDERBURN,
JOHN V. ELLIS,
WM. F. BUNTING,
EDWARD WILLIS,
ROBERT MARSHALL.

Whereupon, on motion of W. Brother James McNichol, Jr., seconded by W. Brother G. H. Flewelling, it was

Resolved, That the report of the committee be received, and the grand lodge proceed to consider the draft of constitution.

On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Brother James G. Forbes, it was

Resolved, That the constitution be discussed and disposed of section by section.

The constitution having been disposed of, with but few alterations, as far as section 7, under the head of "Private Lodges,"

It was moved by W. Brother John V. Ellis, seconded by W. Brother Edwin J. Wetmore,

That further discussion on the constitution be deferred until to-morrow's session.

Motion negatived.

The sections of the constitution were disposed of as far as the 12th section—" Private Lodges;"

When, on motion of the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, seconded by W. Brother Robert Marshall, it was

Resolved, That the grand lodge adjourn until to-morrow (Thursday) at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The grand lodge was thereupon called from labor.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

January 23rd, 1868.

The grand lodge was called to labor at three o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master in the East.

On motion, the grand lodge resumed consideration of the constitution, when the remaining sections were separately discussed and adopted with but slight alterations in the draft submitted by the committee.

On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the V. W. Grand Secretary, it was

Resolved, That the report accompanying the constitution submitted by the committee, be adopted, and the same committee be authorized to have the constitution as agreed upon by grand lodge, published with the grand secretary's report of the proceedings of grand lodge, and circulated among the lodges in New Brunswick and elsewhere, as is customary with grand lodges; and further, that the committee be continued, with power to report any amendments or additions to the constitution, at the next regular communication, which to them may appear desirable, reserving the right of grand lodge to consider such amendments and additions (without further formal notice) as under the circumstances, may be necessary to their adoption, in order that the

constitution may be made as perfect as possible before being published in a more permanent form; and

Further Resolved, That lodges or brethren throughout the jurisdiction be requested to report to the grand secretary any additions or amendments they may deem necessary, in time to allow the committee to consider such suggestions before the meeting of grand lodge, that if they think proper, the committee may report the same.

On motion of the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, it was

Ordered, That the committee on the constitution be requested to take into consideration the advisability of establishing a fund of benevolence.

On motion of W. Brother R. R. Call, Grand Steward, seconded by W. Brother James Robertson, it was

Resolved, That this grand lodge expects all lodges within its jurisdiction to make their returns and payments in full to the three mother grand lodges up to the time of surrendering their warrants.

On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the W. Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, the following resolution was adopted, viz:—

Whereas, In the opinion of grand lodge, the early erection of a Masonic Temple in the City of Saint John, would advance the interests of the craft throughout the province;

And Whereas, It seems desirable that a site for a Masonic Temple should be secured as soon as it shall appear possible;

And Whereas, It is also desirable that a general circular should be issued at an early day, to all lodges and other masonic bodies in New Brunswick, setting forth the reasons why a Masonic Temple should be built, with such plan or scheme for accomplishing that purpose, as may appear most advantageous and feasible;

Therefore Resolved, That this subject be referred to the Board of General Purposes for their immediate consideration, to issue such circular, prepare such scheme, secure plans and estimates, ascertain the terms of purchase of site, etc., and report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master;

And Further Resolved, That upon the reception of such report, the

Most Worshipful Grand Master is hereby respectfully desired, upon request of the Board of General Purposes, to summon a special communication of grand lodge for the consideration of such report, and for the carrying forward the recommendations of the board, if approved, by committee or otherwise, as grand lodge shall determine.

On motion of the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, seconded by the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, it was

Resolved, That any lodge in the province which has not, at the present time, surrendered its warrant and acknowledged the authority of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, shall have the privilege of doing so on or before the thirty-first day of March next, and any lodge so surrendering its warrant and acknowledging the authority of this grand lodge, shall be furnished with a warrant upon the same terms, and shall enjoy the same privileges as the lodges at present constituting this grand lodge. And any lodge, which shall not on or before the thirty-first day of May next, surrender its warrant and acknowledge the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, shall (until the next communication of the grand lodge), be dealt with as the Most Worshipful Grand Master may, in his wisdom and discretion, determine.

On motion of the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by W. Brother Doherty, Grand Steward, it was

Resolved, That any lodge within the jurisdiction of this grand lodge, whose aprons, collars and jewels, or either of them, may not be in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, shall be permitted to continue to wear such aprons, collars and jewels, or either of them, until they may require to obtain a new outfit;

And Further Resolved, That the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary be required to ascertain from each lodge in the province, the style and pattern of their aprons, collars and jewels, that the same may be duly recorded for future reference.

The grand master stated to grand lodge that, in compliance with resolution adopted in convention on the tenth day of October last, he had granted to the lodges, uniting in the erection of this grand lodge, intermediate warrants under

his hand, to authorize such lodges to continue their work until formal warrants be granted under the seal of the grand lodge; and that he had granted such authority to lodges that had resolved to join in the action taken. That such intermediate warrants had, on application, been granted to the following lodges:—

Albion, Saint John's, Hibernia, Saint Mark's, Solomon's, Sussex, Carleton Union, Midian, Union of Portland, Woodstock, Alley, Howard, Leinster, Northumberland, Miramichi, New Brunswick.

The M. W. Grand Master stated that he brought this matter before grand lodge, not only for the purpose of reporting his action under the resolution referred to, but also that grand lodge might consider the desirability, in view of the circumstances under which such intermediate warrants were issued, of now confirming all that had, under their respective warrants, been done by the respective lodges.

Whereupon it was moved by W. Bro. D. R. Munro, W. M. Union Lodge of Portland, seconded by the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That the acts of the M. W. Grand Master, in relation to the foregoing be ratified and confirmed.

On motion of the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by W. Brother Powers, it was

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and the V. W. Grand Secretary, be a committee to adopt designs for a grand lodge certificate and a grand lodge seal, and have the same engraved as soon as circumstances will permit.

On motion of the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by W. Brother John D. Short, it was

Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes be authorized to procure

the necessary clothing and other pharaphernalia for the use of the grand lodge.

The grand lodge was called to refreshment until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING.

23rd January, 1868.

The grand lodge was called to labor at half-past seven o'clock, the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the East.

On motion of the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by the W. Grand Standard Bearer, it was

Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes be directed to consider the propriety of establishing a masonic paper or magazine in this jurisdiction, with power, if they deem it advisable, to publish the same under the sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master; provided, at the same time, that such paper or magazine shall not be considered the Organ of the grand lodge, nor shall grand lodge be responsible for its contents, except such as shall be signified by the signature of a grand officer.

On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, The Right Worshipful Robert T. Clinch, District Grand Master under England at the time of the erection of this grand lodge, has rendered valuable service to the craft in general in this province, and has distinguished himself as a brother of eminence and ability;

Therefore Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Robert T. Clinch is hereby constituted a permanent member of this grand lodge, with the title, rank and dignity of Past Grand Master.

On motion of W. Brother D. R. Munro, seconded by W. Brother M. N. Powers, it was

Unanimously Resolved, That in consideration of the zeal, ability and eminent services rendered the craft by the Right Worshipful Alexander Balloch, formerly Provincial Grand Master, extending over a period of many years, he be elected a member of this grand lodge with the rank of Past Grand Master.

On motion of the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, seconded by the W. Grand Standard Bearer, it was

Resolved, That the grand lodge record its thanks to the committee on constitutions, for the care, attention and labor bestowed upon the work entrusted into their hands.

The V. W. Grand Secretary reported that, immediately after appointment to the responsible office he had the honor to fill, he, with the concurrence of the M. W. Grand Master, addressed a printed note to the grand secretaries of the respective grand lodges of Canada, the United States and elsewhere, asking to be furnished with copies of their constitutions and regulations.

It gave him much pleasure to inform the grand lodge, that his note met with a willing and hearty response from nearly every jurisdiction addressed, and he had now in his office copies of the constitutions and proceedings of the following grand lodges, viz:—

Alabama, ... DANIEL SAYRE, ... Grand Secretary.
Arkansas, ... WM. D. BLOCHER, ... "
California, ... ALEX. G. ABELL, ... "
Canada, ... THOMAS B. HARRIS, ... "
Colorado, ... ED. C. PARMELEE, ... "
Columbia, District of. N. D. LARNER, ... "
Connecticut, ... JOSEPH K. WHEELER, ... "
Florida, ... HUGH A. CORLEY, ... "
France, ... F. THEVENOT, ... "
Illinois, ... H. G. REYNOLDS, ... "
Indiana, ... WILLIAM HACKER, ... "

Iowa,	THEODORE S. PARVIN,	Grand Secretary.
Kansas,	E. T. CARR,	"
Kentucky,	J. M. S. MCCORKLE,	"
Louisiana,	JAMES C. BATCHELOR,	"
Maine,	IRA BERRY,	"
Massachusetts,	CHAS. W. MOORE,	"
Minnesota,	WM. S. COOMBS,	"
Missouri,	GEO. FRANK GOULEY,	"
Nevada,	WM. A. M. VAN BOKKELEN,	"
New Jersey,	JOSEPH H. HOUGH,	"
New York,	JAMES M. AUSTIN,	"
North Carolina,	D. W. BAIN,	"
Ohio,	JOHN D. CALDWELL,	"
Pennsylvania,	JOHN THOMSON,	"
Rhode Island,	C. D. GREENE,	"
South Carolina,	ALBERT G. MACKEY,	"
Tennessee,	CHARLES A. FULLER,	"
Texas,	GEO. H. BRINGHURST,	"
West Virginia,	THOMAS H. LOGAN,	"
Wisconsin,	WM. T. PALMER,	"

On motion of the V. W. Grand Secretary, seconded by the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, it was

Unanimously Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be extended to the grand secretaries of the respective grand lodges for their brotherly courtesy.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master informed the grand lodge that, as it was essentially necessary to adopt a ritual and establish an uniformity of work in all the lodges within the jurisdiction, he should, with the assistance of the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary, proceed to exemplify the work generally established in New Brunswick, by a rehearsal of the lectures.

The lectures of the three degrees were thereupon exemplified, the questions being put from the east by the M. W. Grand Master and responded to in the west by the V. W. Grand Secretary; after which grand lodge adjourned until to-morrow (Friday) evening at seven o'clock.

The grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

FRIDAY EVENING.

24th January, 1868.

Grand lodge resumed labor at seven o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master in the East.

On motion of the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by W. Brother R. R. Call, Grand Steward, it was

Resolved, That a list of lodges under this jurisdiction, at the date of publication, be printed in the proceedings of grand lodge, setting forth the name, number, location, and time of regular communications, together with the address of the masters and secretaries respectively.

W. Brother John Wallace being present was duly invested and installed into office as a grand steward of this grand lodge.

The following resolution was moved by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Brother John D. Short, and unanimously adopted, viz:—

Whereas, The Right Worshipful Brother James Robertson, Senior Grand Warden of the District Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at the time of the erection of this grand lodge, has rendered valuable service to the craft in general, and has distinguished himself as a mason of eminence and ability.

Therefore Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Brother James Robertson be constituted a member of this grand lodge, with the title, rank and dignity of a Past Senior Grand Warden.

The following resolution was proposed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and unanimously agreed to, viz:—

Whereas, The Right Worshipful Brother George H. Russell, Junior Grand Warden of the District Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at the time of the erection of this grand lodge, has rendered valuable service to the craft in general, and has distinguished himself as a mason of eminence and ability,

Therefore Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Brother George H. Russell be constituted a member of this grand lodge, with the title, rank and dignity of a Past Senior Grand Warden.

On motion of the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by W. Brother John D. Short, it was

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and Very Worshipful Grand Treasurer, be authorized to negotiate (for the purpose of providing for the immediate expenses of grand lodge) a loan of six hundred dollars with some lodge or lodges within the jurisdiction, upon such terms as they may deem right and proper.

On motion of the V. W. Grand Secretary, seconded by the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, it was

Resolved, That the funds of the grand lodge be deposited in the Bank of New Brunswick, and drawn by check signed by the grand master, or deputy grand master, and countersigned by the grand treasurer.

The ritual work of the three degrees was, at this stage, exemplified, in order to its being adopted by grand lodge, the following brethren occupying the respective offices, viz:—

The M. W. Grand Master in the east; the R. W. Brother James Robertson, Past Senior Grand Warden, in the west; W. Brother Joseph C. Hatheway, in the south; W. Brother John D. Short as Senior Deacon; and W. Brother Mark N. Powers as Junior Deacon.

The following resolution was offered by the W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and seconded by R. W. Brother James Robertson, P. S. G. W.:—

Whereas, it is deemed expedient that the actual work of the several lodges in this province shall be uniform;

Therefore Resolved, That the actual work which now prevails in the lodges of the City of Saint John, being that which was so admirably indicated in grand lodge last evening, by the exemplication of the lectures of each, "Entered Apprentice," "Fellow Craft," and "Master's degree," by the Most Worshipful Benjamin Lester Peters, Grand Master, and the Very Worshipful William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, shall be adopted for the jurisdiction of this grand lodge; provided, however, that the scriptural readings in the work may be substituted in either case by an authorized suitable ode, to be sung with music; and further provided, that music and singing may be introduced at the discretion of the presiding master, as may be deemed advisable.

In amendment to the foregoing, it was moved by the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and seconded by W. Brother Edward Willis, Grand Steward:—

That the work, as exemplified, be adopted for the lodges, they being allowed to use odes, authorized by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, instead of the scripture readings, and that a committee be appointed, to whom the subject of work shall be referred; such committee to report at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

On call of question a majority of grand lodge voted in favor of the amendment, it was therefore declared to be adopted.

On motion of the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by W. Brother A. A. Stockton, it was

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master be requested to take immediate steps to establish fraternal relations between this grand lodge and the grand lodges in this Dominion, in the United States, in Great Britain and Ireland, on the Continent of Europe and in South America, either by an interchange of representatives with such grand lodges, or in such other way as he may deem advisable.

In accordance with the provision of the constitution, the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following brethren to the board of general purposes, viz. :—

R. W. JAMES ROBERTSON, ... Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. GEORGE H. RUSSELL, . . Past Senior Grand Warden.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS, ... Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. EDWARD WILLIS, ... Grand Steward.
W. JOHN D. SHORT, ... Past Master.
W. I. W. DOHERTY, ... Worshipful Master.
W. EDWIN J. WETMORE, . . . Past Master.
W. JAMES A. INCHES, ... Past Master.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL, . . . Asst. Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. JAS. MCNICHOL, Jr., . . . Past Master.

[The following brethren are *ex officio* members of this board :—
M. W. B. LESTER PETERS, Grand Master.
R. W. W. WEDDERBURN, D. Grand Master, (President of Board.)
R. W. W. P. FLEWELLING, S. Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN, J. Grand Warden.
The V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary, is *ex officio* secretary of the board.]

The committee on work and ritual were appointed as follows :—

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Very Worshipful Grand Secretary, Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies, Worshipful Brother Joseph C. Hatheway and Worshipful Brother Alfred A. Stockton.

On motion of W. Brother Edward Willis, Grand Steward, seconded by the W. Grand Pursuivant, it was

Resolved, That ten o'clock in the morning shall be the time at which the business of the next annual grand communication shall be commenced.

The grand lodge having finished the business of the communication, it was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy:

THE CEREMONIAL

OBSERVED AT THE

INSTALLATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,

AND THE

DEDICATIOM AND CONSECRATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

On the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1868.

The director of ceremonies having been announced, was admitted, and addressed the Most Worshipful Grand Master-elect in the east, saying in effect: That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the Province of New Brunswick, having been formed upon the ancient constitutions of the craft, and the time set apart for the installation of the grand master having arrived, Worshipful Brother John Willis, the Senior Past Master present, whose duty it was to perform that ceremony, was then in the ante-chamber, awaiting the pleasure of the grand master-elect.

The grand master-elect informed the director of ceremonies that he would appoint a delegation of past masters to wait upon the Worshipful Brother Willis in the ante-chamber, and escort him into the lodge.

Thereupon the grand master-elect nominated—

Past Master W. H. A. KEANS, Saint John's Lodge, (St. John.)
Past Master S. P. WETMORE, Carleton Union Lodge, (Carleton.)
Past Master JAMES ROBERTSON, Albion Lodge, (St. John.)
Past Master JAS. MCNICHOL, Sr., Hibernia Lodge, (St. John.)
Past Master DAVID WETMORE, Midian Lodge, (Clifton.)
Past Master THOMAS M. REED, Albion Lodge, (St. John,)

These Worshipful Brethren, with the Director of Ceremonies, then withdrew, and shortly after entered the lodge escorting the installing master, who was received by all the brethren standing.

The director of ceremonies, addressing the grand master-elect, formally introduced to him the Worshipful Bro. Willis, as the senior past master of the jurisdiction present, and whose privilege and duty it was to install the Grand Master of Freemasons of New Brunswick into his high office, and declared the Worshipful Brother's readiness to immediately proceed with the performance of that duty.

The grand master-elect assured Past Master Willis that it afforded him and the brethren assembled, the utmost satisfaction that the responsibility of installing, according to ancient usage, the Grand Master-elect of the Freemasons of New Brunswick, should have devolved upon a venerable brother, in every way so competent to discharge that duty; and, in order to facilitate the purpose for which he was present, he would now resign the chair to him and place the gavel, the emblem of authority, in his hand, and request him at once to proceed with the ceremony of installation.

The Worshipful Brother Willis having taken his seat in the east, the director of ceremonies then conducted the grand master-elect to a position below the altar, and addressing the installing officer, said:—

"Worshipful Sir,—I present before you and before all the brethren here assembled, Brother Benjamin Lester Peters, who has been chosen by the unanimous voice of the craft, to be the Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity in this jurisdiction."

Then the installing master enquired of the grand master-elect if he were willing to accept the important trust which had been confided to him, and if he would hold the office of grand master until his successor was elected and installed.

The grand master-elect having replied in the affirmative, the installing master directed him to take the oath of fidelity, which he did in the following terms, placing his right hand on the sacred writings :—

I, BENJAMIN LESTER PETERS, solemnly and sincerely declare that I will well and faithfully, according to the best of my ability, execute the duties appertaining to the office of Grand Master of New Brunswick, according to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and the ancient land-marks and regulations of the craft :—So help me God.

The grand master was then conducted to the east, where he was invested by the installing master with his jewel, chain and other insignia of office, the gavel was placed in his hand, and amid solemn music he was seated upon the throne. He was then saluted with the grand honors of masonry by the brethren, and the choir sang the ode :—

Hail Masonry divine !
Glory of ages shine ;
  Long may'st thou reign ;
Where'er thy lodges stand,
May they have great command
And always grace the land,
  Thou Art divine.

Great fabrics still arise,
And grace the azure skies ;
  Great are thy schemes :
Thy noble orders are
Matchless, beyond compare ;
No art with thee can share,
  Thou Art divine.

Hiram, the architect,
Did all the craft direct
  How they should build :
Sol'mon, great Israel's king,
Did mighty blessings bring,
And left us room to sing,
Hail, royal Art !

The installing master ordered the grand master to be duly proclaimed.

The director of ceremonies then proclaim m the east, "The Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin Lester Peters, Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick;" which was repeated in the west, and again in the south, in the usual form.

Prayer was offered up by the chaplain, and the lodge of master masons was then closed.

The grand master then withdrew to the robing room, with the grand officers elect and designate, and after robing, entered the lodge room in procession in the following order, the organ playing a march:—

Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Standard Bearer.
Grand Stewards. Grand Stewards.
Grand Sword Bearer, carrying the sword of Justice.
Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Grand Deacon. Grand Deacon.
Grand Treasurer. Grand Secretary.
Senior Grand Warden. Junior Grand Warden.
Deputy Grand Master. Grand Chaplain.
The M. W. the Grand Master.

The elements of consecration, in silver ewers, were borne by the grand wardens and the deputy grand master, and were deposited on the pedestal prepared for them. The procession on reaching the east halted and faced inwards, and the grand master passed up between the ranks and took his seat on the throne. The acting grand officers then assumed their stations, and immediately after, with the appropriate ceremony, the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable

Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was opened in *ample* form.

The choir sang the opening hymn :—

Supreme Grand Master ! God of pow'r !
Be with us in this solemn hour !
Smile on our work—our plans approve;
Fill ev'ry heart with hope and love.

Let each discordant thought be gone,
And love unite our hearts in one;
May we, in union strong, combine
In work and worship so divine.

The grand master then made announcement from the east, which was responded to in the west and south, that he was about to consecrate and dedicate the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and all present were required to preserve due order.

The acting officers of grand lodge were then formed in procession around the *lodge*, solemn music being played on the organ; and the grand master, preceeded by the grand standard bearer and the grand sword bearer, took his station in the circle.

Taking the ewer of corn from the pedestal and presenting it to the grand master, the junior grand warden said:—"In the dedicatory ceremonies of our fraternity, it has been of immemorial custom to make use of corn as an emblem of nourishment. I present you, therefore, with this vessel of corn, to be used by you on this occasion according to ancient usage."

Taking the ewer of wine from the pedestal and presenting it to the grand master, the senior grand warden said:—"Wine, the emblem of nourishment, having been used by our ancient brethren in the dedication and consecration of

new lodges, I present you this vessel of wine, to be used by you on the present occasion according to ancient masonic form."

Taking the ewer of oil from the pedestal and presenting it to the grand master, the deputy grand master said:—"Oil, the emblem of joy, having been used by our ancient brethren at all great ceremonials, I present you this vessel of oil, to be used by you on this occasion as an emblem of the joy which should fill all our hearts at the successful accomplishment of our efforts for the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick."

The grand master having taken them in turn from the respective office-bearers, strewed the corn, and poured out the wine and the oil, saying,—

"With corn, with wine and with oil, I consecrate the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, in whom we live and move and have our being, to His glory."

The procession then moved once around the altar whilst the choir sang,—

When once of old, in Israel,
  Our early Brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessing on them fell
  In showers of Corn and Wine and Oil.

Strewing the corn, and pouring the wine and oil a second time, the grand master said:—

"With corn, with wine and with oil, I consecrate the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, to Charity, Benevolence and Brotherly Love."

The procession again moved around the altar whilst the choir sang,—

When there a shrine to Him alone
They built, with worship sin to foil,
On threshold and on Corner-stone
They poured out Corn and Wine and Oil.

Strewing the corn, and pouring the wine and oil a third time, the grand master said:—

"With corn, with wine and with oil, I consecrate the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, as the High Court of Judicature of the Fraternity in this province. May peace dwell within her walls; may justice guide her decisions; and may all her views be directed towards the general good."

The procession once more moved around the altar whilst the choir sang,—

And we have come, fraternal bands,
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil,
To honor Him by votive hands
With streams of Corn and Wine and Oil.

The grand chaplain then offered up the following prayer,—

Almighty, Infinite and Eternal God! great Architect, Creator and Ruler of the universe! we, the frail children of humanity, bow before Thee in humility, reverence and godly fear, and implore Thee to be with us and to bless us as we are now assembled in Thy name. We acknowledge Thee as the author of life and light and every blessing, and we commit ourselves to Thy grace and guidance. O! do Thou grant us wisdom from Thy glorious temple on high, that we may be so directed in all our actings, as to have a single eye to Thy glory and the good of our fellow-men. And as we are now met to inaugurate an independent grand lodge of our order here below, let Thy blessing be upon us; establish Thou the work of our hands upon us—yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it. Be pleased, most gracious God, so to enlighten our understandings, renew our hearts, and sanctify our

wills and our affections, that this our grand lodge may shine as a light in a dark place, and be a refuge for the weary laborer and the way-worn traveller, where he may rest and refresh himself in Thy light under its shade. May we ever regard Thy law as the great light of our profession, and regulate our lives and conversations by its holy precepts. May we ever maintain true allegiance to our Sovereign, and give due respect to other rulers, remembering that they are ordained of Thee for the good of society; and may we under them lead a quiet and peaceable lives. Grant us grace that we may chasten our passions by temperance; inspire us with Christian fortitude, that we may be supported under all the trials of life; bestow on us prudence to direct us in all our difficulties; and may justice rule all our actions. Let brotherly love, relief and truth ever shine in our intercourse one with another. Let no immorality, disorder or strife ever be tolerated among us, to disturb our harmony, or mar the pure principles of our order; but may we grow in all grace and knowledge and spiritual understanding, and become fit temples for the Holy Spirit to inhabit.

Thus, O Lord, Thou Great Master, do we desire to consecrate our grand lodge and ourselves to Thy service and glory. Be pleased, most gracious God, to accept our offering, and cause Thy countenance to shine upon us. O! satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children; and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us—yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it. Now, O Lord, we pray that peace may be within the walls of our lodge, and prosperity within its borders; and for our friends' and brethren's sakes we will now say, Peace be within thee. And grant, O most gracious God, of Thine infinite goodness and mercy, that, having passed through all labors and trials of this life, supported by Thy grace, we may finish our course with joy, and at last be received up into Thy glorious temple above, there forever to be with Thee, the Lord. And the glory shall be Thine, through Christ.—AMEN.

The choir sang the anthem—"The earth is the Lord's."

By direction of the grand master, the acting grand director of ceremonies then proclaimed from the east, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick

duly constituted, consecrated and dedicated according to ancient form and usage, which was repeated in the west by the acting assistant grand director of ceremonies, and again in the south.

The grand honors of masonry were then given, and the grand lodge was seated.

List of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Name of Lodge,	Place of Meeting,	Regular Communication,	Worshipful Master,	Secretary,
Albion,	Saint John,	First Friday,	Christopher Murray,	William S. Marven.
Saint John's,	"	First Tuesday,	Joseph C. Hatheway,	W. F. Bunting.
Hibernia,	"	Second Tuesday,	David Martin,	Thomas A. Peters.
Saint Mark's,	Saint Andrews,	First Thursday,	Benjamin R. Stevenson,	Jarvis Law.
Solomon's,	Fredericton,	Tuesday after Full Moon,	....	....
Sussex,	Saint Stephen,	First Wednesday,	David Main,	William Vaughan.
Carleton Union,	Carleton,	First Thursday,	Richard N. Knight,	Charles Ketchum.
Midian,	Clifton,	Second Tuesday,	G. Hudson Flewelling,	Rev. D. J. Wetmore.
Union of Portland,	Saint John,	Third Thursday,	David R. Munro,	Howard D. McLeod.
Woodstock,	Woodstock,	First Wednesday,	William F. Dibblee,	Isaiah J. McCoy.
Saint George,	Saint George,	First Tuesday,	James A. Moran,	Louis B. Messenett.
Corinthian,	Hampton,	Wednesday on or after Full Moon,	Henry Hallett,	Rev. E. A. Warneford.
Keith,	Moncton,	Thursday after Full Moon,	Charles A. Holstead,	James W. Oulton.
Alley,	Upper Mills,	First Thursday,	James V. Hanson,	Rex. M. King.
Howard,	Hillsboro',	First Tuesday,	Dennis A. Duffy,	....
Saint Andrew,	Richibucto,	First Thursday,	James McDougall,	Charles J. Sayre.
Northumberland,	Newcastle,	Second Tuesday,	William Masson, Jr.,	Edmund C. Tozer.
Miramichi,	Chatham,	Third Thursday,	Henry C. Williston,	Thomas F. Gillespie.
Salisbury,	Salisbury,	First Tuesday,	Ormond E. Flewelling,	Elisha S. Steeves.
Leinster,	Saint John,	First Monday,	Alfred A. Stockton,	Asaph G. Blakslee.
Zion,	Sussex,	Wednesday before Full Moon,	John McPherson,	Richard Roach.
New Brunswick,	Saint John,	Second Thursday,	William R. Russell,	William G. McFarlane.

CONSTITUTION

AND

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE

OF THE

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

ADOPTED JANUARY 23rd, 1868.

TITLE.

THE style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "**THE GRAND LODGE OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.**"

HOW CONSTITUTED.

1. The grand lodge shall consist of the elective and appointed officers (excepting the grand tyler) with all past grand officers, except past grand tylers, continuing to subscribe to a lodge; the masters and wardens of all private lodges (duly returned,) and all past masters (duly returned) being members of a private lodge; provided that no brother shall rank as a past grand officer, unless at the time of holding office in grand lodge, he was either a master or past master of some lodge.

2. Should neither the worshipful master nor the wardens of a lodge attend any communication of grand lodge, such lodge by its vote, properly certified by the worshipful master and secretary, and under seal, may delegate any master or past master, entitled to a seat in grand lodge, to represent their lodge, but no proxy shall be valid unless the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the worship-

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Name of Lodge.	Place of Meeting.	Regular Communications.

ful master and secretary of the lodge: and no brother can represent by proxy more than one lodge. A duplicate of such written proxy shall be delivered to the grand secretary before the communication of the grand lodge.

OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the grand lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

2. The grand master or presiding officer at the annual communication, shall appoint three scrutineers, whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for grand officers from the brethren to whom they have been delivered. The scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot, and having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates, they shall present their reports to grand lodge.

3. The election and appointment of all officers of grand lodge, shall take place at the annual communication, when those present shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form

4. The officers of the grand lodge shall consist of

The Most	Worshipful	Grand	Master.
" Right	"		Deputy Grand Master.
" "	"		Senior Grand Warden.
" "	"		Junior Grand Warden.
" Very	"		Grand Chaplain.
" "	"	"	Treasurer.
" "	"	"	Secretary.
	"	"	Deacons.
	"	"	Director of Ceremonies.
	" Assis't	"	Director of Ceremonies.

Worshipful " Sword Bearer.
" " Standard Bearer.
" " Organist.
" " Pursuivant.
" Stewards of the year.
" Tyler.

5. The following officers of the Grand Lodge shall be *elected* by written ballot :—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
" Right " Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Senior Grand Warden.
" " " Junior Grand Warden.
" Very " Grand Chaplain.
" " " " Treasurer.
" Tyler.

6. The following officers shall be *appointed* by the Grand Master, viz. :—

Very Worshipful Grand Secretary.
" " Deacons.
" " Director and Assis't Director of Cere-
" " Sword Bearer. [monies.
" " Standard Bearer.
" " Organist.
" " Pursuivant.
" " Stewards.

7. The rank of officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows :—

The Grand Master.
Past Grand Masters according to seniority.
Deputy Grand Master.
Past " " Masters.
Senior " Warden.

Past Senior Grand Wardens.
Junior " Warden.
Past " " Wardens.
Grand Chaplain
Past " Chaplains.
Grand Treasurer.
Past " Treasurers.
Grand Secretary.
Past " Secretaries.
Senior Grand Deacon.
Past " " Deacons.
Junior " Deacon.
Past " " Deacons.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past " Directors of Ceremonies.
Assis't Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past " " Directors of Ceremonies.
Grand Sword Bearer.
Past " " Bearers.
Grand Standard Bearer.
Past " " Bearers.
Grand Organist.
Past " Organists.
Grand Pursuivant.
Past " Pursuivants.
Grand Stewards of the year.

And the masters, past masters, and present wardens of private lodges, in the order of the number of their respective lodge warrants.

8. The elective officers respectively are to be chosen by written ballot, by a majority of all the votes present.

9. No brother shall be eligible to any elective office in the grand lodge (except the office of grand chaplain or grand tyler) unless

he shall have been regularly installed worshipful master of a private lodge.

10. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the grand lodge, the grand master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place, *pro tempore.*

11. Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the craft, may, by a vote of the grand lodge duly confirmed, be constituted members of the grand lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

12. No member of the grand lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing, nor shall he be allowed to wear any jewel not recognized by the grand lodge.

13. Should any lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the grand lodge for the year previous to the annual communication, the master, wardens, or other representative of such lodge, shall not be permitted to attend such annual or any subsequent meeting of the grand lodge, until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

14. No brother shall be permitted to attend the grand lodge as master, past master or warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the grand secretary's office.

15. The annual communication of the grand lodge shall be holden at the city of Saint John, on the fourth Wednesday in September, in each year. None but members of the grand lodge shall be present at the communications, without permission of the grand master or presiding officer.

16. The grand master, or in his absence from the province, the deputy grand master, or in his like absence, the grand wardens may summon and hold a grand lodge of emergency, at such time

and place as in his or their opinion the good of the craft shall require; and the particular reason for convening such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

17. If at any grand lodge, annual or emergent, the grand master be absent, the lodge shall be ruled by the grand officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; and if no elective grand officer be present, by the master of the senior lodge. And the powers of any *pro tempore* presiding officer, shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him. The grand lodge is declared to be open in *ample form* when the grand master is present; in *due form* when a past grand master or the deputy presides; at all other times only *in form*, yet with the same authority.

18. By the ancient constitutions and usages of freemasonry, the grand lodge, as the supreme masonic authority in this province, is invested with certain original, essential and unalterable powers and privileges. Among these is the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the craft, and of altering, repealing and abrogating them, always taking care to preserve the ancient landmarks. The grand lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the craft, or to particular lodges, or to individual brothers, which it may exercise by itself, or by delegated authority, and the exclusive power of erasing lodges and expelling members; of establishing and preserving a uniform system of work and lectures; of issuing warrants for new lodges and of suspending or revoking the same.

19. All differences or complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular lodge, shall be delivered in writing to the grand secretary, who shall lay them before the grand master or committe appointed by grand lodge. When all the parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon and the case shall have been investigated, such order and adjudication may be made as shall be authorized by the laws and regulations of masonry.

Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge During the Time of Business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening the grand lodge.
   Reading and confirmation of minutes.
   Communications from the grand or deputy grand master.
   Reports from grand secretary and grand treasurer.
   Reports from the board of general purposes, committees, etc.
   Reading and disposing of letters, bills, etc.
   Money grants.
   Deferred business.
   Election and installation of officers.
   New business.
   Closing the grand lodge.

2. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each lodge having three votes, each past master one vote, each officer of grand lodge, except the grand tyler, not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote by virtue of his office, and the grand master a casting vote in case of an equal division; unless the lodge for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the grand master. Where any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified by each holding up his right hand, which uplifted hands the grand wardens or grand deacons are to count, unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

3. All members shall keep their seats, except the grand deacons, grand director of ceremonies and his assistant, and the grand stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

4. No brother shall speak more than once to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply, without permission from the chair.

5. Every one who speaks shall rise, and remain standing, addressing himself to the grand master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the grand master to order, or the grand master shall think fit to call him to order; but after he has been set right, he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum.

6. No notice shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of the grand lodge, or for adding a new rule, regulation or law, without notice in writing, stating in full the amendment or addition proposed, having been given to the grand secretary at least one month before the time appointed for holding the communication at which it is to be submitted to the grand lodge; and no alteration or addition shall be made unless by consent of a majority of the members present.

7. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing, if the presiding officer or any brother desire it.

8. It shall be competent for a member of the grand lodge to move a motion, an amendment, or an amendment to an amendment; but an amendment to amend an amendment, shall not be entertained.

OF THE GRAND MASTER.

1. The grand master and the elective grand officers, shall be elected by ballot, at the annual comm[illegible]

2. The grand master shall be installed and invested immediately after his election and according to ancient usage. He shall then appoint such grand officers as come within his prerogative to appoint, who, together with the grand officers elect, shall, if present, be thereupon installed or invested in ancient form.

3. In the temporary absence of the grand master from the province, notified by him to the grand secretary, the deputy grand master shall possess all the powers of the grand master; and should the grand master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof, by sickness, permanent absence from the province, or otherwise, the deputy grand master shall forthwith assume the functions of grand master until the next annual election; and should the deputy grand master die previous to such election, the grand wardens shall immediately summon a grand lodge to elect a grand master.

4. If the grand lodge shall resolve to be represented in a sister grand lodge, the grand master, under sanction of the grand lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent such grand lodge in a sister grand lodge. He may also with the concurrence of the grand lodge, constitute any distinguished brother, who may be regularly deputed from a sister grand lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, with such rank as the grand lodge may deem to be appropriate.

5. The grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge, and to order any of his grand officers to attend him. His deputy is to be placed on his right, and the master of the lodge on his left, hand. His wardens are, also, to act as wardens of that particular lodge during his presence; but if the grand wardens be not present, then the grand master may command the wardens of the lodge, or any master masons, to act as his wardens *pro tempore.*

6. The grand master may send his grand officers to visit any lodge he may think proper.

7. The grand master may summon any lodge or brother to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons;

if such last summons be not attended to, such lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the grand lodge.

8. The grand master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning masons or masonry, but through the grand secretary.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. This officer is to be elected at the annual communication of the grand lodge. If present he shall be immediately installed according to ancient usage. In the absence of the grand master as hereinbefore provided, the deputy possesses all his powers and privileges.

2. The deputy grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge with the master of the lodge on his right hand. The grand wardens, if present, are to act as wardens of that lodge during his presence.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

1. The grand wardens shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. When the actual grand wardens are in grand lodge, no others can supply their places, but in their absence the senior past grand wardens present shall act *pro tempore*. If no past grand warden be present the grand master may direct any other member of grand lodge to act as grand warden for that occasion.

3. The grand wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the grand master, and while he presides in any particular lodge, are to act there as his wardens.

OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The grand chaplain shall be elected and invested at the annual communication, and shall attend all communications and other

meetings of the grand lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the fraternity.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

1. The grand treasurer shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. The grand treasurer shall give a joint bond, with two sureties, to the grand master and deputy grand master, in such penalty and with such conditions as may be deemed expedient, for the due performance of his trust.

3. To the grand treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other use of the fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall disburse the same in such manner as the grand lodge or other proper authority shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication, or when called for by the board of general purposes; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the said board, who shall make their report thereon at the annual communication in September.

OF GRAND SECRETARY.

1. The grand secretary shall be appointed and invested at the annual communication.

2. The grand secretary shall sign and certify all instruments from the grand lodge, under seal or otherwise; issue summonses for all meetings of the grand lodge, board of general purposes and of any committee of which he shall be directed by the grand master or grand lodge, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several lodges, and enter them in the books of the grand lodge, and duly report the

same at each annual communication of the grand lodge; to transmit to all lodges the proceedings of every communication or other meeting of grand lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the grand master, the grand lodge, or board of general purposes; to notify all lodges, annually, of all expelled, restored, suspended or excluded members for the year; to furnish the board of general purposes or other constituted authority, all proper documents and information that they may require; to receive all petitions, memorials, &c., and to lay them before the grand master, or other proper authority; to attend the grand master or board of general purposes, and to take to him or them any books or papers he or they may direct; to conduct the correspondence of the grand lodge; to receive, credit and record all moneys of the grand lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the grand treasurer; to take the custody of the grand lodge seal, and affix it to all warrants, certificates, and other proper papers, by order of the grand master, and annually report the amount received, and generally to do all such things as heretofore have been, or should be done, by a grand secretary.

3. The grand secretary shall also submit at each annual communication, a general report on the state of the craft under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge; with as full and particular account as possible, of the membership, funds, properties, annual work and efficiency of each lodge in the province.

OF GRAND DEACONS.

The grand deacons shall be appointed and installed at the annual communication. If they are absent at any communication, the grand master or presiding officer may appoint any members of grand lodge to officiate *pro tempore.*

OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, GRAND SWORD BEARER, GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND PURSUIVANT, GRAND STEWARDS, GRAND STANDARD BEARER, AND GRAND TYLER.

1. The grand director of ceremonies, assistant grand director of

ceremonies, sword bearer, organist and pursuivant, stewards and standard bearer, are to be appointed annually by the grand master, on the day of his installation. They are to attend all communications and other meetings of the grand lodge.

2. *The grand director of ceremonies and assistant grand director of ceremonies*, in addition to their other duties, have the care, during the session of grand lodge, of the regalia, clothing, insignia and jewels belonging to the grand lodge.

3. *The grand pursuivant* shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of the grand lodge, and with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none except those who are qualified, and who have their proper clothing and jewels and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are, in all respects, entitled to admission, be admitted.

4. The grand master may appoint not more than twelve *grand stewards* annually, for the regulation of grand festivals, under the direction of the grand master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications and other meetings of the grand lodge.

5. A *grand standard bearer* shall be appointed by the grand master at the annual communication. He must be a master mason and shall carry the standard of the grand lodge.

6. *The grand organist* shall be a master mason, and be appointed and invested at the annual communication, and shall conduct the musical ceremonies of the lodge, under the direction of the grand master or presiding officer.

7. *The grand tyler* is to attend all meetings of the grand lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

8. If any grand tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting or pretended lodge of masons not being regularly constituted or not

acknowledging the authority of the grand master or not conforming to the laws of the grand lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a tyler or attendant on a lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Officers of the grand lodge shall be installed and invested in person, and no installation or investure of an officer by proxy shall be permitted.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

1. The board shall consist of the grand master, deputy grand master, (who shall be ex-officio president), the grand wardens, and ten other members, to be appointed at the annual meeting of grand lodge by the grand master.

2. The board shall elect one of its members to be vice-president. Should the president and vice-president be absent from any meeting of the board, the members shall elect a chairman *pro tempore*. The presiding officer shall have a casting vote, in case of a tie, in addition to his vote as a member.

3. Should any vacancy occur among the appointed members of the board, by death or otherwise, the grand master shall immediately appoint a qualified brother to fill the vacancy; and the grand secretary shall inform the board at its next meeting, of the brother so appointed.

4. The grand secretary is to act as secretary of the board, and keep a full record of its proceedings and transactions.

5. Five members of the board shall make a quorum for the transaction of any business.

6. The board has full power to regulate its own time and place of meeting.

7. It has also authority to hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individual masons, when regularly brought before it. It may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, subject to the approval of the grand master and an appeal to the grand lodge. Should an appeal be made, notice must be given in writing to the grand secretary, within one month after the decision of the board. The board cannot expel a member or erase a lodge, but it may, if it deem such extreme punishment advisable, recommend the same to grand lodge.

8. The board may summon any lodge or brother to attend it, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the lodge, or the certificate of the brother. If such lodge or brother do not comply, or give sufficient reasons for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the lodge or brother, shall be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the grand lodge.

9. In case of any charge affecting a member of the board, or a lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the board considers its decision.

10. The board shall always have access to any of the papers, books or documents, of the grand lodge. It shall examine all the accounts presented to the grand lodge, and if found correct, recommend their payment. It may, also, order the payment by the grand treasurer, of any petty expenses of the grand secretary's office, or any other office in connection with the grand lodge, but the aggregate of the sum which it can order to be paid in any one year, must not exceed one hundred dollars.

11. The board may recommend to the grand lodge for its adoption, whatever measures it shall deem advantageous or necessary, to the welfare and good government of the craft.

12. The board shall be a general committee, to which shall be submitted, all matters referred by grand lodge to a committee,

except in cases where a special committee is appointed. It is to assist and advise with the grand master, in reference to the good government of the craft; it may appoint sub-committees of its own body for foreign correspondence, or for specified purposes, but such committees must always report to the board.

13. The board shall, previous to the annual meeting of grand lodge, appoint three masters or past masters of lodges, as a committee on credentials, who shall attend within the porch of the grand lodge, for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the grand pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

PRIVATE LODGES.

1. The officers of a lodge are the master and his two wardens, chaplain, a treasurer, a secretary, two deacons, two stewards, director of ceremonies, organist, inner guard and tyler, who shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed and installed.

2. Every lodge shall, annually, elect its master and treasurer by written ballot, such master having first served as warden of a warranted lodge for at least one year. At the next regular meeting following his election, after the minutes shall have been read and approved, he shall be installed according to ancient usage; he shall then appoint the other officers and install them and the treasurer into office.

3. Officers shall be installed in person, and no installation of an officer by proxy shall be permitted. If the officer elect or appointed is not present, he shall be installed at the first regular communication of the lodge at which he is present; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to attend for installation, for two regular communications after his election or appointment, the lodge

may, by a majority vote, declare his election or appointment void and revoked, and another shall be elected or appointed in his stead, who shall be installed into office in due form.

4. Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulations of the grand lodge. Two copies of the by-laws must be submitted to the grand secretary, for the approbation of the grand master; and, when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted; and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

5. The by-laws of the lodge shall be delivered to the master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his mastership. Every brother shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them; and every member shall, at all reasonable times, have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the lodge and delivered to the members.

6. The master of every lodge is to cause the ancient charges, the regulations of the grand lodge relating to private lodges, and the by-laws of his lodge, to be read in open lodge once every year.

7. The master is responsible that a book or books be kept in which the secretary shall enter the names of the members of the lodge, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising; and also their ages, as nearly as possible at that time and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written.

8. The place and regular days of meeting of the lodge shall be specified in the by-laws, and no meeting of the lodge shall be held elsewhere, except a removal be decided upon in conformity with the laws and with the consent of the grand master.

9. Every lodge, when removed to a new place of meeting or

whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the grand secretary. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge until the removal be properly notified.

10. A lodge of emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the master, or in his absence of the senior warden, or in their absence of the junior warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The business to be transacted at such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon.

11. Every lodge shall keep a book in which all visitors attending shall at each meeting sign their names before entering the lodge, with their masonic rank and the name of their mother lodge, or the lodge from which they hail.

12. The precedency of lodges is derived from the number of their warrant of constitution, as recorded in the books of the grand lodge. No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into the grand lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

13. No lodge shall on any pretence make more than five new brothers in one day, unless by dispensation, in which case the number of persons shall be set out in the dispensation; nor until they have been ballotted for and approved; nor can a rejected applicant for initiation in the province be ballotted for in the same or any other lodge within six months from the time of such rejection: every lodge rejecting a candidate shall forthwith notify every lodge in the province of such rejection; nor shall a higher degree in masonry be conferred on any brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, except by dispensation from the grand master, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open lodge in such previous degree.

14. No lodge in the County of St. John shall make a mason for a less consideration than twenty dollars, and no lodge outside of the county shall make a mason for a less sum than sixteen dollars nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the lodge, for all the fees payable on account of his initiation. This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the grand master be first obtained.

15. Every candidate initiated in a lodge if he desires shall become a member thereof from the date of his initiation, and is liable for the regular lodge dues. He shall immediately sign the by-laws.

16. Every lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren initiated therein, and also in making the returns of its members, as no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered and he shall have been at least two years a contributing member of a lodge.

17. To prevent injury to individuals by their being excluded the privileges of masonry through the neglect of their lodges in not registering their names, any brother so circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof to the grand secretary that he has paid the full fees of his lodge, shall be capable of enjoying the full privileges of the craft. But the offending lodge shall be reported to the grand lodge and rigorously proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return, and detaining moneys which are the property of the grand lodge, and which had been paid to the lodge for specific appropriation.

18. The master shall see that all moneys received or paid on account of the lodge are entered in proper books by the secretary and treasurer. The accounts of the lodge shall be audited at least once in every year by a committee appointed by the lodge.

19. Each lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a grand lodge certificate, to be paid for by the lodge.

20. No lodge or officer, or member of a lodge, shall under any circumstance give a certificate or recommendation to enable a mason to proceed from lodge to lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to lodges for relief.

21. No lodge shall form any public masonic procession, or attend any public or private gathering in masonic clothing without a dispensation from the grand master.

22. Every lodge has the power of suspending or excluding a member for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues; but no lodge shall suspend or exclude any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred or complaint made against him and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself; when the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given by ballot. The name of every brother suspended or excluded, together with the cause of his suspension or exclusion shall be sent to the grand secretary and to every lodge in the province.

23. A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the lodge without a fresh ballot, on application to the lodge and payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular lodge dues for the period he was so suspended, and notice of his restoration shall be forthwith given to the grand secretary and to every lodge in the province.

24. The jewels and furniture of every lodge belong to and are the property of the master, wardens and brethren of such lodge.

25. All minutes, lists and books of account belonging to a lodge must be produced by the master, when he shall be so required by competent authority.

26. The majority of the members of a lodge when congregated have the privilege of giving instructions to the master and wardens

or other representative before the meeting of the grand lodge, because such officers are their representatives and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

27. Each lodge shall annually, immediately after the 27th day of December, make a return to the grand secretary, of the master, wardens, and past masters of the lodge, including all members who claim to be entitled to attend in grand lodge as past masters, as having served the office of master in some other lodge, specifying the lodge in which each of such past masters have served the office of master; and no brother shall be permitted to attend in grand lodge, unless his name shall appear in some such return.

28. Each lodge shall make its returns and payments annually, immediately after the 27th day of December, to the grand secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year to make such returns and payments, or in case the lodge does not meet during that period, it shall be liable to be erased. The master and wardens, or any representatives of such lodge, are thereby disqualified from attending the grand lodge, or sitting upon any committee until those returns and payments have been completed.

29. By a vote of the lodge, the dues of any member in indigent circumstances may be remitted.

30. If a lodge be dissolved, its warrant and records shall forthwith be delivered up to the grand master or other constituted authority.

31. As every warranted lodge is a constituent part of the grand lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any lodge shall determine to quit the lodge, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members; provided their number be not less than seven, otherwise the warrant ceases and becomes extinct; and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed shall revert to the grand lodge, together with the funds and property of said lodge.

32. No lodge shall be erased or its warrant declared forfeited, until the master, or in his absence, the wardens, shall have been notified in writing, of the offence, and shall have been summoned to answer to the complaint made.

33. If any lodge or its master and wardens, be summoned to attend, or produce its warrant, books, papers or accounts to the grand master, his deputy, or any board, or committee, or person authorized by the grand lodge, and do not comply, nor give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, such lodge may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the grand lodge which shall have power to declare the warrant forfeited, or otherwise deal with it as a majority shall determine.

34. No member shall, on any pretence, exhibit or expose any representation or similitude of any jewel, or furniture of a lodge, or of any masonic emblem, or device, on any sign-board, show or window blind, business card or advertisement, under pain of reprimand or suspension by the lodge, or even expulsion by the grand lodge; and every member is strictly enjoined to report to the lodge to which the offending brother belongs, any brother violating this rule.

35. A lodge offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall at the discretion of the grand lodge, the grand master, or the board of general purpose, be subject to admonition or suspension, as before provided.

OF MASTERS AND WARDENS OF LODGES.

1. All preferment among masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; therefore, no brother shall be elected master of a lodge, or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority or rank. No master elect shall assume the master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though

he may, in the interim, rule the lodge. It shall be necessary, previous to the installation of the master, that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of a master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a master; and on confirmation of that election, at the following ordinary meeting of the lodge, the installation of the master shall follow.

2. Every master before being placed in the chair shall in addition to a full compliance with the prescribed order and ceremonies of installation, solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old-established usages and customs, and to preserve the land-marks of the fraternity, and most strictly to enforce them within his own lodge.

3. The master, wardens and members of a lodge are enjoined to visit other lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft and a good understanding thereby cultivated among freemasons.

4. The master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts when required by any lawful authority.

5. If the master die, be removed or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the senior warden, and in the absence of the senior warden, the junior warden shall act as master in summoning the lodge until the next election of officers.

6. If the master be not present the immediate past master, or if he be not present, the senior past master of the lodge present shall take the chair. If no past master of the lodge be present, then the senior warden, or in his absence the junior warden, may rule the lodge but not confer degrees.

7. A past master of any other lodge may be invited to officiate as master, and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

8. The master and wardens of every lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the grand master, his deputy, the grand lodge or any board or committee or person authorized by the grand lodge; and produce the warrant, minutes and books of the lodge, under pain of suspension, and being reported to the next grand lodge.

9. No warden or other officer of a lodge can resign his office, nor can he be removed, unless for a cause which appears to a majority of the lodge to be sufficient; but if the master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint is well founded he shall have power to displace such officer, and another must be elected or appointed in his place.

OF TYLERS.

1. The tyler is to be chosen by ballot by the members of the lodge, and may at any time be removed, for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the lodge, and another elected in his stead.

2. He is to see that every visitor has signed his name to the attendance book before entering the lodge, and that he is provided with proper clothing.

3. If any tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting, or pretended lodge of masons, not being regularly constituted or not acknowledging the authority of the grand master, or not conforming to the laws of the grand lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever being a tyler or attendant on a lodge, and shall be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTY.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge, unless the laws of the craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candi-

dates shall have been strictly complied with. (See "*Proposing members.*")

2. A brother who has been concerned in making masons clandestinely, or in a lodge which is not a regular lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new lodge without the grand master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member or visitor, into any regular lodge, nor partake of the general charity, or other masonic privilege, till he make due submission and obtain grace.

3. No brother shall presume to print, or publish or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any lodge or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such lodge, without the permission of the grand master, under pain of being reprimanded suspended or expelled, as the grand lodge shall determine. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a lodge, or by the authority of the master, or the proceedings of any festive or public meeting at which persons, not masons, are permitted to attend.

4. The majority of the members present at any lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in the minute book of his lodge, a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher masonic authority.

5. If any member shall be excluded from his lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it, without having complied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the craft, he shall not be eligible to any other lodge, until that lodge shall have been made acquainted with his former neglect, so that the brethren may be enabled to exercise their discretion as to his admission. Whenever a member of any lodge shall resign, or shall be excluded, or when

ever, at a future time, he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the lodge and such certificate shall be produced to any other lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

6. All differences between or complaints of members, that cannot be accommodated privately or in some regular lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the grand secretary to be submitted to the grand master, who shall refer them to the board of general purposes or appoint a committee to investigate the same. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case has been investigated, the committee shall report to the grand lodge, which shall have full power to deal therewith as a majority shall determine.

7. A mason offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the grand lodge or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension or by the grand lodge only, to expulsion.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

1. A brother who may have rendered any service to the craft in general or to any particular lodge, may, by a vote of the lodge, be elected an honorary member of such lodge. The lodge must include honorary members in its returns to grand lodge and pay to the grand lodge similar dues for such [illegible] members as are payable for ordinary members.

2. Honorary membership does not confer the right of [illegible] the lodge unless specially conferred by a vote of the lodge at a regular meeting [illegible] of [illegible] to confer the right and the name, residence and affiliation of the brother in whose case the vote [illegible] and conditions.

[illegible] MEMBERS.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting; at which meeting the brother's grand lodge certificate, and also the certificate of his former lodge, is to be produced and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. When a lodge has ceased to meet, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another lodge, on producing a certificate from the grand secretary, stating the fact and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his quarterage duly paid.

2. Except in cases of seafaring and military men, no person shall be made a mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he seeks admission or shall produce a certificate of character from the nearest lodge to the place of his previous residence; nor until he has been properly proposed at one regular meeting of the lodge, and a committee has been appointed by the worshipful master to make the necessary enquiries into the character of the candidate; nor until his name, age, addition or profession, and place of abode, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular meeting, when after the committee have reported to the lodge, he must be balloted for and if approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry.

3. No lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is within the jurisdiction of another lodge, without the consent, by a resolution of that lodge, which shall be signified in writing, unless by dispensation of the grand master, except in a town or city where there is more than one lodge, in which case each lodge has concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of each lodge extends in every direction half way to the nearest lodge.

4. In case of emergency the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed: Any two members of a lodge may transmit, in writing, to the master, the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a notice to every member, appoint a committee as before provided, and at the same time summon the lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry. The master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the minute book of the lodge.

5. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall be made a mason in any lodge, and every candidate must be a free man and at the time of initiation, be known to be in reputable circumstances. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some progress in one or the other of them; and he must, at the time of his application, subscribe his name at full length to a declaration of the following import, viz.:—

To the worshipful master, wardens, and brethren of———
Lodge, No. ——, ———, New Brunswick.

I, ———, of the ——— of ———, in the county of ———, aged —— years, by occupation ———, being a freeman and of mature age, do declare that unbiased by the improper solicitations of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of masonry; that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge; and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity, and I do also

declare that I have —— made application for admission into any other lodge.

Witness my hand this ——— day of ———, A. L. 58—.

Recommended by }
——————— }
——————— } (Sig.)

6. Any person who cannot write, shall be ineligible to be admitted to the fraternity, and a petition having been received by a lodge cannot be withdrawn; and no person shall be made a mason or admitted a member of a lodge, if on ballot, three black balls appear against him, nor shall less than three black balls reject a candidate.

7. Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the constitution and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the craft, and if he desire to become a member of the lodge, he must sign the by-laws of the lodge on his initiation, a copy of which, together with a copy of the constitution of grand lodge, shall then be presented to him.

8. A rejected candidate cannot be balloted for in the same or any other lodge, within six months from the time of his rejection.

OF THE LODGE SEAL.

1. Every lodge shall have a masonic seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued and which shall be in the custody of the secretary, under the direction of the worshipful master.

2. An impression of the seal shall be sent to the grand secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

1. No general lodge of instruction shall be holden, unless under the sanction of a regular warranted lodge or by the special license and authority of the grand master. The lodge giving its sanction,

and the brethren to whom such license is granted shall be answerable for the proceedings of such lodge of instruction and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of grand lodge.

2. Notice of the times and places of meeting of the lodges of instruction shall be given to the grand secretary.

3. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of all brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the grand master or lodge granting the sanction.

4. If a lodge which has given its sanction for a lodge of instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the lodge to be communicated to the lodge of instruction; provided that notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

OF VISITORS.

1. No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known or recommended or well vouched for; and after due examination by one or more of the brethren present, and shall have entered his name, masonic rank, the name or number of his mother lodge, or the lodge he hails from, in a book to be kept by every lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the lodge he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The master of the lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

2. No brother residing in the province and not affiliated with any lodge, shall be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund for himself or family, nor to masonic burial, nor to take part in any masonic ceremony, public or private, nor to be entitled to any [illegible] whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides, more than one during [illegible]

OF CERTIFICATES.

1. Every brother shall be entitled to a grand lodge certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of the grand lodge, for which certificate the lodge shall pay one dollar. Each lodge therefore, when it makes a return of the masons whom it has initiated, shall, in addition to the register fee, make a remittance of the money for the certificates.

2. Every brother to whom a grand lodge certificate is granted must sign his name on the margin thereof, in the presence of the worshipful master or the secretary of the lodge, except in case of absence from the place of meeting of his lodge, when he shall sign it in presence of the worshipful master or secretary of any duly warranted lodge; otherwise it will be invalid.

3. No brother shall obtain a grand lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of masonry on the same day or at a shorter interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the grand master.

4. Every return or other document upon which a grand lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

5. All applications for grand lodge certificates must be made to the grand secretary, and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate shall, on any account, be issued until such money has been paid.

6. No lodge shall grant a private lodge certificate to a brother except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a grand lodge certificate, in which case such certificate shall be specifically addressed to the grand lodge [illegible] certificate is never [illegible]

required by the laws of the grand lodge or called for by any of its committees or issued to a member on retirement or exclusion from a lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing, and no lodge shall charge for a private lodge certificate.

OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

1. No public procession of masons shall be allowed without permission of the grand master. In case of a masonic funeral, when the urgency of the case will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with the grand master, the worshipful master or in his absence, the brother ruling the lodge shall authorize and hold such masonic funeral procession, and shall see that all things are conducted thereat decently and in order according to the constitution, and he shall immediately after the services report his proceedings in full to the grand master through the grand secretary.

2. If any brother shall attend as a mason, clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the craft, at any public procession, except a masonic funeral or at any public or private gathering not authorized by the constitution, without the permission of the grand master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a lodge, and also to be excluded the benefit of the general charity. And if any lodge shall so offend, it shall stand suspended until the grand lodge shall determine thereon.

OF APPEAL.

1. As the grand lodge, when congregated, is a representative of every individual member of the fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the craft. Any lodge or brother, therefore, who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other masonic authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the grand lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of and be transmitted to the grand secretary. A notice and copy of

the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

2. Notice of all appeals must be given in writing to the grand secretary within one month from the receipt of the decision appealed against, in proper and respectful language.

FEES.

The following shall be the fees payable to the grand lodge:

For granting a new warrant, twenty-five dollars.
" " dispensation for a new lodge, fifteen dollars.
" " warrant of confirmation, ten dollars.
" " new warrant in case of loss by fire or otherwise properly certified, ten dollars.
For dispensation to confer a degree in less time than one month, one dollar and fifty cents.
For dispensation to initiate a person from beyond the jurisdiction of a lodge, five dollars.
For a dispensation for a public procession, except in case of a funeral, two dollars.
For a dispensation to make more than five masons in one evening, one dollar and fifty cents for each candidate.
For a grand lodge certificate, one dollar.
For every person initiated in a lodge, one dollar registration fee.
For every entered apprentice or fellow-craft, joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar.
For any dispensation not provided for in this table, one dollar and fifty cents.
For every master mason joining from another lodge fifty cents.
For every master mason joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar.
For every member, each lodge shall pay toward the fund for grand lodge purposes, forty cents per annum.

OF REGALIA.

1. The following masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the craft, and that only; and no brother shall on any pretence be admitted into the grand lodge or any subordinate lodge without his proper clothing.

2. No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the grand lodge or any subordinate lodge, which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the grand lodge.

JEWELS.

The grand masters	The compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle also irradiated.
Past grand masters	A similar jewel without the gold plate.
Deputy grand master	The compasses and square united with a five pointed star in the centre.
Past deputy grand master	The compasses and square only.
Senior grand warden	The level.
Junior grand warden	The plumb.
Grand chaplain	A book within a triangle.
Grand treasurer	A chased key.
Grand secretary	Cross-pens with a tie.
Grand deacons	Dove and olive-branch.
Grand directors of ceremonies	Cross rods.
Grand sword bearer	Cross swords.
Grand organist	A lyre.
Grand pursuivant	Arms of the grand lodge with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the grand chaplain, treasurer, secretary, deacons, directors of ceremonies, sword bearer, organist and pursuivant are to be within a circle with an embossed wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

The jewel of a grand steward of the grand lodge, is a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle, on which is engraven, "Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

Grand tyler.....The sword in a circle, on which is engraven "The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick: Grand Tyler."

All the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

Masters of lodges.....The square.
Past masters.....The square and the diagram of the 47th prob. 1st book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.
Senior warden.....The level.
Junior warden.....The plumb.
Chaplain.....A book on a triangle.
Treasurer.....The key.
Secretary.....The cross pens.
Deacons.....The dove.
Director of ceremonies.....The cross rods.
Organist.....The lyre.
Inner guard.....The cross swords.
Stewards.....The cornucopia.
Tyler.....The sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

COLLARS.

Of lodges.....To [illegible] ribbon, for

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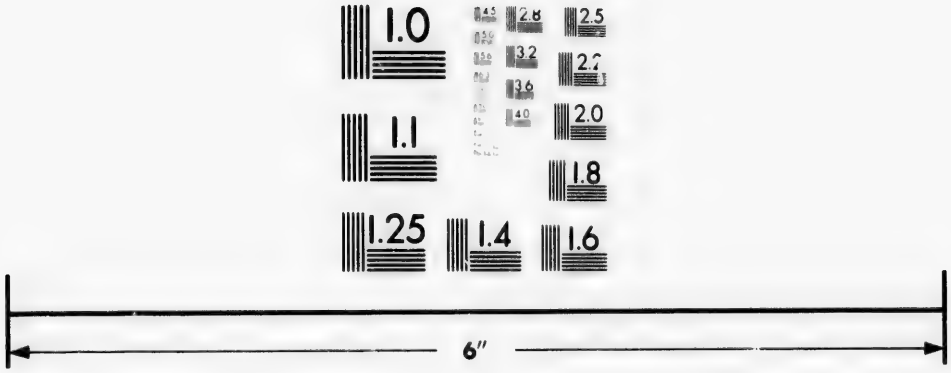

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inches broad: if silver chain be used it must be placed over the light-blue ribbon.

Of the grand lodge.....To be of garter-blue ribbon four inches broad and bound with gold lace.

The grand stewards of the year to wear collars of crimson four inches broad bound with silver lace.

All past grand officers, except past grand masters, (who are entitled to wear chains,) to wear the collars of their late offices, but without the pendant jewel—a similar but smaller jewel in enamel being worn on the breast.

APRONS.

Entered apprentice.....A plain white lamb-skin from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament, white strings.

Fellow craft.....A plain white lamb-skin similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master mason.....The same, with sky-blue lining and edging one and a half inch deep and an additional resette on the fall or flap and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

The masters and past masters of lodges . . . . . To wear in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the master's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines, one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron, or of silver. If grand officers, similar emblems of garter-blue or gold.

Grand stewards, present and past. Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with crimson, edging of the same color three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels.

Grand officers of the grand lodge, past and present . . . . . Aprons of the same dimensions lined with garter-blue, edging of the same color three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their offices in gold or blue in the centre.

The apron of the grand master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven eared wheat at each corner and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery, the fringe of gold bullion.

The apron of the deputy grand master to have the emblem of his

office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the pomegranate and the lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

In the grand lodge and at great ceremonials and festivals where the grand officers appear in their official capacities, the actual grand officers wear chains of gold or metal gilt instead of collars, but upon all other occasions collars of garter-blue ribbon four inches broad, embroidered or plain.

Past grand officers of the grand lodge are, in the grand lodge or on any great ceremonial or festival, to wear embroidered collars and in private lodges collars either embroidered or plain.

OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

Every application for a warrant to hold a new lodge must be by petition to the grand master, signed by at least seven regularly registered masons, and the lodges to which they formerly belonged must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the nearest lodge and be transmitted to the grand secretary to be submitted to the grand master. If the prayer of the petition be granted the grand master may issue a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a lodge, until a warrant of constitution shall be granted by the grand lodge.

The following is the form of petition:

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

We, the undersigned, being regular registered masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the craft at heart, and anxious to exert our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art, and for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good reasons we are desirous of forming a new lodge to be named——; in consequence of this desire we pray for a warrent of constitution empowering us to meet as regular lodge, at ——, in the county of

, on the —— of every month, and there to discharge the duties of masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the order and the laws of the grand lodge; and we have nominated and do recommend brother [A. B.] to be the first master, brother [C. D.] to be the first senior warden, and brother [E. F.] to be the first junior warden of the said lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the grand master and the laws and regulations of the grand lodge.

In order to avoid irregularities, every new lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the grand master, with his deputy and wardens; or in the absence of the grand master by his deputy, who shall choose some master of a lodge to assist him. If both these officers be absent, the grand master may appoint some other grand officer or master of a lodge to act as deputy *pro tempore*.

The following is the manner of constituting a new lodge according to the ancient usages of masons:

A lodge is duly formed and after prayer an ode in honor of masonry is sung. The grand master is then informed by the grand secretary or acting grand secretary that the brethren present desire to be formed into a new lodge, etc., etc.

The minutes of the lodge while under dispensation are likewise read, and being approved are declared regular and valid and signed by the grand master. The grand master then enquires if the brethren approve of the officers who are nominated in the warrant to preside over them. This being signified in masonic form an oration on the nature and designs of the institution may be delivered. The lodge is then consecrated, according to ceremonies proper and usual on those occasions, but not proper to be written, and the grand master constitutes the lodge in ancient form.

The candidates or the new master and wardens being yet among the brethren, the grand master asks his deputy if he hath examined them and found the candidate-master well skilled in the noble

science and royal art, and duly instructed in our mysteries, etc. The deputy answering in the affirmative, he shall (by the grand master's order) take the candidate from among his fellows and present him to the grand master, saying: "Most Worshipful Grand Master, I present this my worthy brother to be installed master of the lodge, whom I know to be of good morals and great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole fraternity wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth."

Then the grand master, placing the candidate upon his left hand, having asked and obtained the unanimous consent of all the brethren, shall say: "I appoint you the master of this lodge, not doubting your capacity and care to preserve the cement of the lodge," etc., with some other expressions that are proper and usual on that occasion, but not proper to be written.

Upon this the deputy shall rehearse the charges and regulations of a master, and the grand master shall ask the candidate, saying: "Do you submit to these charges and promise to uphold these regulations as masters have done in all ages?" The candidate shall signify his cordial submission thereto, and the grand master shall by certain significant ceremonies and ancient usages install him and present him with the book of constitution, the lodge book and the instruments of his office, one after another, and after each of them the grand master or his deputy shall rehearse the short charge suitable to the article presented.

After this the members of the new lodge bowing altogether to the grand master shall return him thanks and immediately do their homage to their new master, and signify their promise of subjection and obedience to him by the usual congratulation.

The deputy and the grand wardens, and any other brethren present that are not members of the new lodge, shall next congratulate the new master, and he shall return his acknowledgement to the grand master first and to the rest in their order.

Then the grand master desires the new master to enter immediately upon the exercise of his office in naming his wardens; and the new master, calling forth the two brothers, presents them to the grand master for his approbation. That being granted the senior or junior grand warden shall rehearse the charges of wardens, and the candidates being solemnly asked by the new master shall signify their submission thereto.

Upon which the new master shall present them with the instruments of their office and induct them in due form in their proper places; and the brethren shall signify their obedience to the new wardens by the usual congratulation. The other elected officers of the lodge and those appointed are then invested in ancient form.

The lodge, being thus completely constituted, shall be registered in the grand master's book, and by his order notified to the other lodges.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

SEPTEMBER 23rd and 24th, 1868.

The first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, was held at the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 23rd day of September, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Grand Master.
R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN,.....Deputy Grand Master.
W. DAVID WETMORE, JR., as..Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. WM. DONALD, D. D,..Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,.....Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. JOHN RICHARDS,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Ass't Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. JAMES MULLIN,.....Grand Pursuivant.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Grand Steward.
W. G. H. FLEWELLING,.....as Grand Steward.

The grand lodge was opened in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

Bros. Alfred A. Stockton, David Main and Charles A. Holstead, appointed by the board of general purposes a committee on credentials, reported the following representatives present and entitled to seats and voices in grand lodge, viz.:—

Albion Lodge, No. 1,.....Christopher Murray, W.M.
Thomas M. Reed, P.M.
B. Lester Peters, P.M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,.....Jos. C. Hatheway, W.M.
James G. Forbes, P.M.
John D. Short, P.M.
William Wedderburn, P.M.
William F. Bunting, P.M.
Wm. H. A. Keans, P.M.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,.....David Martin, W.M.
Mark N. Powers, P.M.
John Mullin, P.M.

Sussex Lodge, No. 4,.....Silas C. Charters, P.M.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5,.....Benj. R. Stevenson, W.M.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,.....John Richards, P.M.

Sussex Lodge, No. 7,.....David Main, W.M.
David Brown, P.M.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,....Richard N. Knight, W.M.
George H. Clark, J.W.
Charles Ketchum, P.M.
John V. Ellis, P.M.
Henry Leonard, P.M.

Midian Lodge, No. 9,.....G. H. Flewelling, W.M.
David Wetmore, Jr., P.M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10. David R. Munro, W.M.
Archibald McLean, S.W.
W. C. Morissey, J.W.
Robert Marshall, P.M.

Saint George Lodge, No. 12,.....James A. Moran, W.M.

Alley Lodge, No. 14,.....Rev. M. King, W. M.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19.....Alfred A. Stockton, W.M.
John Willis, P.M.
Edward Willis, P.M.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,..William R. Russell, W.M.
James McNichol, jr., P. M.
James Mullin, P. M.

Keith Lodge, No. 23.....Chas. A. Holstead, W.M.

The minutes of the last communication were read and confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered his annual address as follows, he said :—

I am glad to congratulate grand lodge, at this the first annual communication, upon the success which has attended our organization.

Since the inauguration of this grand lodge in January last, several lodges formerly holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of England have been added to our roll, which now numbers twenty-four lodges; and there remain but two lodges in the province that have not as yet communicated any action taken in the matter, both of these lodges being on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

In accordance with resolution of this grand lodge a circular was addressed to the grand lodges throughout the world, announcing our organization and claiming masonic recognition. Answers have already

been received tendering fraternal greeting from the Grand Lodges of Maine, Iowa, Indiana, Texas and Connecticut.

Having been notified of the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, while that grand body was still in session I appointed Worshipful Brother D. E. Seymour representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Maine, and he was thereupon received and took his seat in the Grand Lodge of Maine as representative from New Brunswick. I therefore ask grand lodge to sanction that appointment.

During the past summer, accompanied by officers of grand lodge, I made official visits to the following private lodges in this jurisdiction, viz:—

ALBION,	No. 1,	in the City of Saint John.
SAINT JOHN'S,	" 2,	" " "
HIBERNIA,	" 3,	" " "
SAINT MARK'S,	" 5,	" Town of Saint Andrews.
SUSSEX,	" 7,	" " Saint Stephen.
CARLETON UNION,	" 8,	" City of Saint John.
MIDIAN,	" 9,	in Clifton, King's County.
UNION OF PORTLAND,	" 10,	in the City of Saint John.
SAINT GEORGE,	" 12,	" Town of St. George, Charlotte Co.
ALLEY,	" 14,	in Upper Mills, St. Stephen.
LEINSTER,	" 19,	in the City of Saint John.
ZION,	" 21,	in Sussex, King's County.
NEW BRUNSWICK,	" 22,	in the City of Saint John.

It is with pleasure that I announce to grand lodge, that I found these lodges in prosperous condition, and that our reception by the brethren was most cordial and gratifying.

It has not been in my power during the few months that have elapsed since the erection of grand lodge, to visit all the lodges within this jurisdiction. That pleasing duty will devolve upon the officers chosen for the ensuing year.

I have received an application on petition from seven regularly registered masons, praying for the erection of a lodge to meet at Dalhousie, in the County of Restigouche, within this jurisdiction. The petition is duly recommended by the nearest lodge as required by the constitution. This petition having been presented to me in the present month, I thought it best not to grant intermediate dispensation in view of the early meeting of grand lodge. I therefore place this petition and the accompanying documents before grand lodge; and having made

enquiry on the subject, I cordially recommend the prayer of the petitioners to the favorable consideration of grand lodge.

The board of general purposes report to me on the important subject of the erection of a Masonic Temple in this city, referred to the board by resolution of grand lodge in January last. I have great pleasure in placing that report and the circular accompanying the same before grand lodge.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,
GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. MASONS,
ST. JOHN, N. B., Sept. 15, 1868.

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS, Grand Master, &c., &c.

Most Worshipful Sir:

Pursuant to the resolution adopted at the last regular communication of the grand lodge, the board of general purposes have given their consideration to the subject of the erection of a masonic temple in the City of Saint John. In order to elicit an expression of opinion from the members of the craft and the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, they have caused plans of the contemplated temple to be prepared by Mr. John A. Munro, architect, which have been fyled in the office of the grand secretary, and have issued a circular, over the signatures of the members of the board, a copy of which they have annexed hereto.

The board continue to devote their attention to this subject, and should funds sufficient for the purchase of a site, and an eligible site become available, will lose no time in securing it, and otherwise follow out the course proposed by the circular to which they refer.

While the board are of the opinion that great judgment and care must be evinced in the management of this matter, they are deeply impressed with the importance of carrying out at the earliest practicable moment, the object contemplated by the M. W. Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WEDDERBURN, President,
ROBERT MARSHALL, Vice-President,
WM. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary,
D. BROWN,
JAMES ROBERTSON,
JOHN D. SHORT,
JOHN V. ELLIS,
EDWARD WILLIS,
E. J. WETMORE.

Copy of Circular.

GRAND LODGE F. & A. M., PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SAINT JOHN, September, 1868.

To the several lodges and other masonic bodies of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:—

BRETHREN,—At the regular communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge, held in the City of Saint John in January last, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"*Whereas*, in the opinion of grand lodge, the early erection of a masonic temple in the City of Saint John, would advance the interests of the craft throughout the province;

"*And Whereas*, it seems desirable that a site for a masonic temple should be secured as soon as it shall appear possible;

"*And Whereas*, it is desirable that a general circular should be issued at an early day to all lodges and other masonic bodies in New Brunswick, setting forth the reasons why a masonic temple should be built, with such plan or scheme for accomplishing that purpose, as may appear most advantageous and feasible;

"*Therefore Resolved*, that this subject be referred to the board of general purposes for their immediate consideration, to issue such circular, prepare such scheme, secure plans and estimates, ascertain the terms of purchase of site, &c., &c., and report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master;

"*And Further Resolved*, that upon the reception of such report the Most Worshipful Grand Master is hereby respectfully desired, upon request of the board of general purposes, to summon a special communication of grand lodge for the consideration of such report, and the carrying forward the recommendations of the board, if approved by committee or otherwise, as grand lodge shall determine."

The Board of General Purposes, pursuant to the directions of the M. W. Grand Lodge, have had the subject thus referred to them under consideration, and desire to call your attention to certain matters arising out of the same. They are persuaded the feeling in favor of the early erection of a Masonic Temple in this jurisdiction, cannot be otherwise than earnest and universal in the craft. The principal subject of embarrassment arises as to the ways and means of accomplishing so desirable an end.

The board are of opinion that the first step towards success will be the purchase, as soon as possible, on the most reasonable terms, of an eligible site for the proposed temple. This they propose to accomplish in the manner following.

The board are now acting provisionally as "The New Brunswick Masonic Temple Committee," with full authority in the premises until the business of the temple is reduced to a practical form. They suggest that subscriptions be forwarded without delay to the grand secretary for stock at twenty dollars per share, by the respective masonic bodies of the fraternity in New Brunswick, and by such individual masons as may be disposed to contribute to the fund. Upon realizing a sum sufficient to purchase an eligible site—say ten thousand dollars—the Stockholders shall meet upon notice by the grand secretary, and appoint from among their number a board of trustees, to be governed by such regulations in their order of business, to continue in office such time, and to be subject to such regulations as a majority of the stockholders shall determine; and upon this being accomplished, the board of general purposes will be prepared to hand over all papers, plans, estimates, subscriptions, etc., to the trustees; and in order to representation, each lodge and other masonic body, shall appoint any member to attend this meeting, and each lodge or body and individual subscriber shall have, at the general meeting, one vote upon any number of shares under five, and one vote for every additional five shares subscribed by it or him.

For these purposes the board have already caused to be prepared by Mr. John A. Munro, architect, very excellent plans of several proposed sites, which may be seen at the grand secretary's office.

The board therefore, now solicit the consideration of the craft throughout the province; they enclose stock lists for lodges, etc., and individuals, and very earnestly request the cordial co-operation of all interested in the permanency and prosperity of masonry, and they sincerely hope the return of the stock lists to the grand secretary will unmistakeably show the desire and determination of the fraternity in New Brunswick to have, as soon as possible, a suitable temple devoted to the interests of our ancient and honorable institution.

Meantime we are,

Very fraternally yours,

WM. WEDDERBURN, President.
ROBERT MARSHALL, Vice-President.
WM. P. FLEWELLING, Sr. Grand Warden.
DAVID BROWN, Jr. Grand Warden.
JAMES ROBERTSON, Past Sr. Grand Warden.
WM. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.
JOHN V. ELLIS, G. Dir. Ceremonies.

EDWARD WILLIS, Grand Steward.
JOHN D. SHORT, Past Master No. 2.
EDWIN J. WETMORE, Past Master No. 8.
I. W. DOHERTY, Worshipful Master No. 16.
JAMES A. INCHES, Past Master No. 7.
JAMES MCNICHOL, JR., Past Master No. 22

Board of General Purposes and Acting Masonic Temple Committee.

The great necessity that exists for the erection in this city of a masonic temple that will afford required accommodation to the craft, is a subject to which I directed the attention of grand lodge at our meeting in January. At that meeting the matter was referred to the board of general purposes, and the board now, after due consideration, have addressed a circular to the masonic bodies in this province, bringing this important object forcibly before the fraternity. The proposal for stock subscriptions at twenty dollars per share, brings within the means of every brother the possibility of affording substantial aid to the undertaking. I doubt not that the energetic and well considered steps thus practically taken by the board, will secure the united action and support of the craft in this province, and that a suitable site will at an early day be selected, and such encouragement afforded as will result in our attaining the object in view; and that, at no very distant time there will be erected in this city, a temple worthy of our ancient and honored fraternity.

Under resolution of grand lodge, application was made to Albion Lodge, No. 1, for a loan to provide for immediate expenses, and I have great satisfaction in informing grand lodge that the sum of six hundred dollars has been advanced by Albion Lodge. The terms of loan are set forth in the memorandum issued to "Albion" under the Seal of Grand Lodge. A copy of which memorandum I have placed with the grand secretary.

The warrants to the several subordinate lodges have been duly issued and it is highly gratifying to us all to know that the craft in the province is proceeding in the great work of our time honored institution.

My brothers, while thus reporting to you the eminently satisfactory position of masonic affairs within this jurisdiction, I regret to say that even in the short time that this grand lodge has been organized, we have not been without a sad reminder of the instability of all earthly ties. It is my painful duty to announce to you, that a worthy and Right Worshipful Brother, whose eminent services to the craft were

recognized by this grand lodge at its first session, in the conferring on him the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, has since our last meeting been called from labor in the terrestrial lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master now called up grand lodge and announced the lamented death of Right Worshipful George H. Russell, Past Senior Grand Warden and Past Master of Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, Chatham, New Brunswick.

It was moved by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Grand Director Ceremonies, and

Resolved, that so much of the M. W. Grand Master's addressed as refers to the death of R. W. Bro. George H. Russell, be referred to a special committee.

It was moved by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, and

Resolved Unanimously, that the act of the M. W. Grand Master, in the nomination of W. Brother D. E. Seymour to represent this grand lodge in the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, be confirmed, and the necessary credentials under the seal of grand lodge be issued to Bro. Seymour.

It was moved by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, and

Ordered, that the petition of the brethren at Dalhousie for a warrant for a lodge be referred to the committee to be appointed on warrants.

The grand secretary submitted the following report :—

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick :—

The grand secretary begs respectfully to report—

That, in submitting this, the first account of his stewardship, and of the first year of the existence of the grand lodge, the information must be necessarily limited, and, to a certain extent, devoid of general interest.

The returns applied for and received from the respective lodges merely gives the names, etc., of the members belonging to each at the time of surrendering their warrants to the parent grand lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, together with lists of masters, past masters and present wardens.

These returns exhibit a total membership of one thousand three hundred and twelve (1312), a detailed schedule of which is herewith appended; they also shew that there are one hundred and seventy-seven (177) representatives entitled to seats and voices in grand lodge.

At the next annual communication a more extended report based upon the returns which will be fyled in the grand secretary's office after the twenty-seventh day of December ensuing, will afford full particulars of the numerical and financial status of the craft, the accessions to and dimissions from the several lodges, and other matters of interest which may be suggested during the recess.

The grand secretary has pleasure in reporting that all the lodges in the province, with the exception of two (holding warrants from Scotland), have given a willing and cheerful allegiance to the grand lodge.

Agreeably to an order of committee on constitutions and publication, the grand secretary superintended the printing of seven hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings and constitutions of grand lodge, which he, by direction of the board of general purposes, distributed generally among the private lodges, etc., in the province, and the various grand lodges of America and Europe.

In this connection, the grand secretary would suggest the desirability of establishing a masonic library under the supervision and control of grand lodge; and for the better forwarding so important a project, would also recommend the appointment of a library committee, whose duty it shall be to deal with the question and report.

The grand secretary has no financial report to offer, as he is not in receipt of any moneys, except a few dollars upon the sale of some copies of the constitutions, an account of which can be embodied in a future statement.

In conclusion, he desires to acknowledge the uniform fraternal kindness and promptitude exhibited by the masters and secretaries of the respective lodges in their dealings with him, and the readiness with which information sought for has been given by them and the brethren generally; without such assistance his endeavors would have been comparatively fruitless. He trusts that ere another annual communication shall have come (whether he or another shall be custodian of the

archives), the grand lodge shall be informed "that the *whole* house is in order."

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secy.

St. John, N. B., 23rd September, 1868.

The V. W. Grand Treasurer presented a report as follows:—

OFFICE OF THE GRAND TREASURER,
St. John, September 23, 1868.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:—

The grand treasurer in submitting his account with the grand lodge for the past year would respectfully report, in connection therewith, that in accordance with the resolution of the grand lodge, he called at the Bank of New Brunswick to deposit $600 in the name of the "Grand Lodge of New Brunswick," and was informed by Mr. Girvan, the Cashier, that no moneys could be received on deposit in the name of the grand lodge, that body not being incorporated. The grand treasurer, therefore, has been unable to carry into effect the resolution of grand lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

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W. H. A. KEANS, Grand Treasurer,
In account with GRAND LODGE OF N. B.
To amount received from Albion Lodge, No. 1, on loan to Grand Lodge, ... $600.00.

Cr.—nil.

W. H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 23, 1868.

Whereupon, it was, on motion of Bro. A. A. Stockton, W. M. Lodge No. 19,

Ordered, that the reports of grand treasurer and grand secretary be referred to a special committee.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, submitted the following report of the board of general purposes, viz.:—

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,

GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M., OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SAINT JOHN, N. B., Sept. 23, 1868.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:—

BRETHREN,—Acting under the powers conferred by the constitutions of M. W. Grand Lodge, the board of general purposes met for the purpose of organization soon after the close of last communication of grand lodge, and elected W. Brother Robert Marshall, P. M. of Lodge No. 10, Vice-President of the board, and have regularly met since that time at stated intervals for the transaction of such business as properly came before them.

They have from time to time, devoted their attention to the several matters remitted to them by resolution of grand lodge, and such other subjects as demanded consideration and within the scope of their jurisdiction.

Among the most important questions submitted to the board was the proposal to erect, at as early a day as practicable, a suitable

1.—MASONIC TEMPLE

in the City of Saint John. According to the instructions of grand lodge, the board proceeded to secure from Mr. John A. Munroe, architect, plans of several proposed sites, and to issue the circular letter contemplated by the resolution of grand lodge, and addressed "to the several lodges and other masonic bodies" in New Brunswick. Pending replies thereto and the September session of grand lodge, the action of the board has been reported to M. W. the grand master.

2.—MASONIC NEWSPAPER.

At the last communication of grand lodge, the board was directed to "consider the propriety of establishing a masonic paper or magazine in this jurisdiction, with power, if they deemed it advisable, to publish the same under the sanction of M. W. the grand master; provided, at the same time, such paper or magazine should not be considered the organ of grand lodge, nor should grand lodge be responsible for its contents further than should be signified by the signature of a grand officer." The board fully acknowledge the importance of having a masonic magazine or newspaper published within the jurisdiction of grand lodge, and believe it would, if judiciously managed, prove bene-

ficial in the furtherance of the interest of the craft, in the circulation of masonic literature and news, and in imparting information on the important subject of the jurisprudence of masonry. It would also be very valuable as a medium of official communication; but the board cannot advise grand lodge to take the initiative in the establishment of such paper, nor are they prepared to pledge the patronage and official sanction of grand lodge in advance. They believe such an enterprize should emanate from individual masons on their own personal responsibility. They very readily grant, however, that the craft in New Brunswick, including grand lodge, should cordially extend all possible assistance and encouragement to such a periodical, "when by its regular and upright conduct it shall have merited so great a reward." It would be unwise at the outset to commit grand lodge to the views of any masonic paper, or to create a lien upon the fund of general purposes, for the publication of it, as must be the practical result of carrying out the resolution of grand lodge.

3—Paraphernalia.

The grand secretary and grand and assistant grand directors of ceremonies were appointed a committee of the board, to procure necessary masonic clothing for officers of grand lodge not already provided therewith. They have reported the purchase of appropriate regalia, &c., for M. W. the Grand Master, the assistant grand director of ceremonies, the grand organist, and the grand standard bearer.

4.—Fees to Grand Lodges.

The board discovered at an early day that lodges of the fraternity had paid registration fees to the grand lodges at the time occupying masonic territory in this province by district grand lodges, for members who had not completed their degrees in their respective lodges before the erection of this grand lodge. The board are of opinion that lodges thus situate should not be called upon again, and have therefore adopted and recommend to grand lodge for ratification, the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That lodges which have paid registration fees to their former respective grand lodges, for brethren of those lodges who received the E. A. & F. C. Degrees only, previous to the surrender of warrant, shall be provided with grand lodge certificates for such brethren, free of charge.

5.—Grand Treasurer's Bonds.

The board submit, that the grand treasurer be required to give to M.

W. the Grand Master, bonds with two sureties, himself in two thousand dollars, and the sureties in one thousand dollars each, for the due performance of his trust.

6.—Grand Lodge Certificates.

The board recommend that any brother who may have lost his grand lodge certificate, be furnished with a duplicate thereof by the grand secretary at a cost of fifty cents, upon a properly certified application by the master or secretary of his lodge.

7.—Grand Lodge Banner.

The subject of a banner for grand lodge has been before the board. As it is not a matter of immediate necessity, they have deemed it inexpedient to secure one during the year, as the present claims upon the funds of grand lodge are large. Whenever the board feel justified in making such a demand upon the treasury, they will procure a suitable banner.

8.—Constitution of the Board.

The board, after their experience in the discharge of their duties, desire that the grand secretary who is now *ex-officio* secretary of the board be constituted a full member with power to participate in its proceedings.

9.—Printed Proceedings.

The board, in conjunction with the grand secretary, have had the "proceedings of conventions to organize the M. W. Grand Lodge and of the first grand communication" published, "with an appendix containing the constitutions and general regulations of grand lodge." These they have ordered to be distributed: five copies to each lodge in New Brunswick, three to each grand lodge, twenty-five to the grand secretary's office for preservation as matter of record and for the future uses of grand lodge, the remainder to be disposed of at twenty cents per copy. There are several copies yet in the grand secretary's hands.

10.—Salary of the Grand Secretary.

In considering the compensation of the grand secretary, the board have endeavored to keep strictly in view two important reasons for their action as likely to guide them to a just decision. They desire to afford that officer something like a reasonable remuneration for his

services, consistent with the maintainence of thorough discipline and efficiency in the performance of the varied and responsible duties of his office and at the same time to remain within the bounds of the present financial ability of grand lodge. After the elapse of a short time, and in consideration of the duties already performed by grand lodge and its officers, and the discharge of many consequent upon the organic change effected in the jurisdiction, they think the duties of the office in the future compared with the past, will be materially reduced. Be this as it may the board have felt themselves justified in recommending that the salary of the grand secretary be fixed at three hundred dollars per annum until further action by grand lodge.

In consideration, and as a small recognition by grand lodge of the invaluable services performed by V. W. Brother Bunting as Grand Secretary during the past year, they recommend that a donation of fifty dollars be made him in addition to the yearly allowance.

11.—Travelling Expenses, etc.

The board have discussed the subject of making a reasonable allowance for actual travelling expenses incurred by officers of grand lodge, necessary to the efficient discharge of the duties of their respective offices. They have not arrived at any conclusion. They beg to suggest that grand lodge consider the matter. It cannot be expected that grand officers shall not only devote much of their time gratuitously to the official visitation of the lodges throughout the province, but shall also heavily tax themselves pecuniarily in defraying expenses which must be incurred. Whether provision shall be made by delegating power to the board to make grants for this service from time to time up to a limited amount annually, or by the passing of a money grant at present, or by what means, is a subject requiring the immediate action of grand lodge.

12.—Appeals.

The board deem it a subject of congratulation that the craft in New Brunswick, under the jurisdiction of grand lodge, is in a very encouraging position, and that the work has proceeded so harmoniously that not an appeal has been presented to the board for their investigation or decision. It is hoped that this is to some degree attributable to the fact that the constitution has been framed with as much simplicity of machinery as possible, and also that the proposed amendments will make it so reasonably perfect as to shut out to a great extent, any

possibility of misunderstanding by brethren of the letter and spirit of the law.

13.—Constitutional Changes.

In view of the changes and amendments contemplated the board have conferred with the committee on constitutions, and have requested them to report the proposed alterations, under the provisions of the resolution passed at the last communication of grand lodge.

14.—Accounts.

All accounts submitted to the board have been carefully audited by a committee consisting of the grand director of ceremonies and W. Grand Steward Willis, whose report is as follows:—

The sub-committee appointed to examine the accounts presented to the board report that they have examined the following bills and find them to be correct:

John Livingston, advertising in *Telegraph*,	$2 00
Ellis & Armstrong, advertising in *Globe*,	4 40
Willis & Davis, advertising and printing,	9 00
Knox & Thompson, furniture for grand secretary's office,	49 50
George Flemming, seal press,	10 00
James H. Venning, engraving seals, etc.,	84 75
A. Chapman, engraving seal on wood, (these two items in Am. currency)	15 00
C. J. Peters & Son, electrotyping, etc., (these two items in Am. currency)	4 50
R. T. Clinch, grand master's regalia,	275 07
H. Chubb & Co., for printing, binding, etc.,	283 02
G. E. Fairweather, engrossing 23 warrants and parchment,	161 00
H. G. Hunt, for work,	1 49
Magee Bros., for regalia,	114 06
	$1013 79

The committee recommend, owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case, that the bill of M W. Bro. Clinch be the first charge on the grand lodge funds.

In reference to the bill of Messrs. H. Chubb & Co., the committee audit it at $3 less than the amount rendered, Messrs. Chubb consenting to this reduction on the item of $30 charged September 8th for stock applications for new hall. They are of opinion that this whole charge, and indeed any expenditure now made in regard to hall should be eventually paid by the hall fund and should not be borne directly by grand lodge.

The committee recommend that Magee Bros. be applied to for a reduction of one-third of the cost of the three jewels purchased for grand organist, grand standard bearer and grand director of ceremonies—these jewels not being of the pattern ordered and not of the pattern of the present jewels. This reduction would be about $15.

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. Ellis,
E. Willis.

The board recommend that the grand lodge adopt this report of the audit committee of the board and that the amounts be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WEDDERBURN, D. G. M.,
Prest. Board of General Purposes.

It was, on motion of W. Brother Powers, P. M. Lodge No. 3, and seconded by V. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain,

Resolved, that the foregoing report be received and considered section by section.

Whereupon the several sections were separately discussed and all accepted without amendment, and the report, as a whole, adopted.

The committee on constitutions submitted the following report:—

COMMITTEE ROOM, SAINT JOHN, N. B., Sept. 23, 1868.

M. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:—

The committee on constitutions beg to submit the following as their second report:—

1st.—They recommend that the following section be added, after section 6, page 51 of the present constitution:

7. A ballot may be reconsidered once by order of the W. M. or a vote of the lodge. The ballot on the reconsideration must be taken before the lodge shall have proceeded to other business than balloting for candidates.

2nd.—On page 34, they report the following as section 3, and sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to become respectively 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9:

3. The grand sword bearer shall carry the grand master's sword of state on all proper occasions and perform such other duties as may be required of him, pertaining to his office.

3rd.—Page 44, section 33, first line, erase the word "or" and insert "by"—*i. e.* "If any lodge by its master and wardens," etc.

4th.—Page 33, add the following as section 4, under head "grand secretay:

4. The grand secretary shall be paid a salary of [ ] per annum for his services, out of the fund of general purposes. He shall open, and keep open, an office to be styled "The office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," and shall inform all lodges in the province where the said office is located, and in case of its removal, to where it has been removed.

5th.—Page 57, insert after the words "except in case of a funeral" the addition "for which there shall be no charge," 4th line from the top.

6th.—Page 35, section 1, "board of general purposes," after the words "deputy grand master, who shall be ex-officio president," insert "grand secretary."

7th.—Page 37, preceding the title "Private Lodges" insert

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

SECTION 1.—The charity fund of this grand lodge shall be known as "the Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," and shall consist of such donations as may be given towards it; together with such other amounts as may from time to time be received on account of said fund.

SEC. 2.—The fund of benevolence shall be held in the name of the grand lodge and shall be under the control and direction of the board of general purposes.

SEC. 3.—This fund shall be appropriated exclusively for the relief of such poor and distressed brethren and the widows and orphans of deceased brethren, as may be deemed worthy of assistance; provided always that such brethren or such deceased brethren, at the time of their decease, were registered, and in good standing on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

8th.—Page 32, section 2, shall read as follows, instead of as at present:

2. The grand treasurer shall give bonds with two sureties to the M. W. Grand Master, himself for two thousand dollars and the sureties in one thousand dollars each, to the satisfaction of the grand master, for

the due performance of his trust, and shall renew or alter the same and provide other sureties therein whenever and as often as he shall be required so to do, by the grand master or the grand lodge or the board of general purposes.

9th.—Strike out section 19, page 27, similar provision having been made elsewhere in the constitution.

10th.—Page 41, section 20, last line of the section, after the word "lodges," insert "or individual brethren"—*i. e.* "to apply to lodges or individual brethren for relief."

11th.—Section 21, page 41, to read thus:

21. No lodge shall form any public masonic procession or attend in masonic clothing any public or private gathering, which is not permitted by the constitution without a dispensation from the grand master.

12th.—Section 22, page 42, erase the words "gross, immoral or infamous" and insert "unmasonic."

13th.—Page 25, section 9, third line, erase "grand organist."

14th.—Page 25, add to section 8, so that the section in whole shall read thus:

8. The elective officers respectively are to be chosen by written ballot by a majority of all the votes present. In case of a third ballot, the candidate having the fewest votes shall not be in nomination, and on each succeeding ballot the lowest candidate shall be dropped until an election is had.

15th.—Page 32, section 3, erase from and including the words "and produce his accounts," down to and including "board of general purposes," and read instead: "and submit an account of his receipts and disbursements to the board of general purposes, at least fourteen days before every regular communication of grand lodge and also, whenever and as often as he shall be called upon so to do."

16th.—Page 37, section 1, erase "organist."

17th.—Page 48, and fourth line of section 5, after the words "be eligible to," insert "visit or become a member of."

18th.—Page 53, section 1, second line, read "no visitor shall be

admitted into a lodge unless he be personally recommended or well vouched for or after etc."

19th.—Pages 23, 24, 25 and 31 read "grand chaplains" for grand chaplain; erase the word "the" and insert "two grand chaplains," etc.

20th.—Page 40, section 13, after words "of such rejection" insert "by a sealed notice."

21st.—Page 38, section 2, after the word "annually" on first line, insert "at the regular communication immediately preceeding the 27th December, the festival of Saint John the Evangelist."

22nd.—Page 57, fourteenth line from top, after "from another lodge" insert "or rejoining his former lodge."

23rd.—Page 37, second line from top, erase "presented to" and insert "against." Page 37, third line from top, erase "presented to G. L." and insert "against G. L." and erase "recommend" and insert instead "may order."

24th.—Page 55, add the following under the head of "Public Processions":—

PUBLIC AND FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.

1. No mason can be interred with the formalities of the fraternity unless it be at his own request nor unless he has been advanced to the degree of master mason. When the wish of the deceased shall have been communicated to the master of the lodge of which he died a member, the master shall apply to the grand master for a dispensation.

2. When a master mason from beyond the Province of New Brunswick shall die within the jurisdiction of grand lodge, the provisions of the constitution relating to deceased members of lodges in New Brunswick shall apply as far as practicable, and any master of a lodge may take direction of the funeral and conduct the same in all things as provided for resident brethren deceased.

Section 1 of the present constitution to be section 3.

4. In case of a masonic funeral the master may invite other lodges to attend in form, but the whole ceremony shall be under the direction of the master of the lodge to which the deceased brother belonged, or in case of a stranger brother the master of the lodge which assumes the

control of the proceedings, and he is accountable for the regularity and conduct of the ceremonies. If the grand master or deputy grand master be present he may at any time take charge.

Section 2 of the present constitution to be section 5.

25th.—Page 55 add as section 7 "Of Certificates."

7. Any brother who may have lost his certificate shall be furnished with a duplicate thereof at a cost of fifty cents by the grand secretary, upon a properly certified application by the master or secretary of his lodge.

26th.—Page 27, erase from the "Order of Business" "Election and Installation of Officers," and page 22 add to section 3, "As soon after the opening of the annual communication as conveniently may be grand lodge shall by a majority vote determine the hour at which the election and installation of officers shall be commenced, at which time grand lodge shall proceed with the election or installation, as the case may be, such order of proceeding taking precedence of all other business before grand lodge."

As there are yet several copies of the constitutions as published last year on hand, and as the lodges have so recently been supplied with others, it is unnecessary to reprint the constitutions at the present time. Your committee, however, recommend that a synopsis of the alterations made by grand lodge be prepared by the grand secretary and sent to the lodges in New Brunswick to be pasted in the books of constitutions already in their possession.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Wedderburn, D. G. M.,
Wm. F. Bunting,
J. V. Ellis,
Edward Willis,
Robert Marshall.

On motion of W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by W. Bro. J. G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, it was

Resolved, That the 26th section of the foregoing report be adopted.

Whereupon on motion of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master,

The further consideration of the report was deferred until this afternoon's session.

It was moved by W. Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by W. Bro. J. G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Ordered, That the election of the elective officers of grand lodge take place to-morrow (Thursday) at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and the installation of all the officers (elected and appointed) at 7 o'clock in the evening of the same day.

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. E. Willis, Grand Steward, and seconded by W. Bro. A. A. Stockton, W. M. Lodge No. 19:—

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to the board of general purposes, from which they shall have the power from time to time to make grants to pay the actual travelling expenses of officers of grand lodge incurred in the necessary discharge of the duties of their office.

In amendment, it was moved by W. Bro. D. R. Munro, W. M. Lodge No. 10, and seconded by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2:—

That the consideration of appropriating such a sum be postponed three months.

On taking the question on the foregoing, the amendment was negatived and the motion adopted.

The grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

23rd September, 1868.

Grand lodge resumed labor at 3 o'clock, the M. W. Grand Master in the East, and the other officers at their respective stations.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committees:—

On the death of R. W. Bro. George H. Russell:

R. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn and Worshipful Bros. John V. Ellis and Robert Marshall.

On Warrants:

Worshipful Bros. John Richards, Benjamin R. Stevenson and Christopher Murray.

On reports of grand treasurer and grand secretary:

R. W. Bro. David Brown and Worshipful Bros. James G. Forbes and Charles A. Holstead.

It was on motion

Ordered, That the report of the committee on constitutions be taken up and considered by sections.

Whereupon, sections 1 to 18 inclusive were seperately considered and agreed to.

Section 19 was negatived and sections 20 to 26 agreed to.

It was thereupon moved by V. W. Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, that the report, as amended, be adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master informed grand lodge that he had this day received a petition signed by twenty-seven master masons, asking for a warrant for a lodge to be established at Milltown, Charlotte County; but, in consequence of not having appended to it, a recommendation from the nearest lodge, he should return the petition to the applicants.

The following resolution was proposed by W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by V. W. Grand Secretary and agreed to:—

Resolved, That grand lodge hereby confirm the action of the board of general purposes in reference to "The New Brunswick Masonic Temple," and authorize them to take such further steps as they may deem expedient in the matter;

And Further Resolved, That the M.W. Grand Master, together with ten other members of grand lodge, to be appointed by him, be a committee to aid the board of general purposes in securing stock subscriptions, and that the Worshipful Masters of the several lodges outside of the City of Saint John, with three other brethren from each lodge, to be appointed by the said Worshipful Masters, respectively, shall be authorized to solicit subscriptions within their several jurisdictions;

And Further Resolved, That in the opinion of grand lodge, it is most desirable that a determined and united effort be made by all the members of our fraternity within the province, to secure the early erection of "The New Brunswick Masonic Temple."

W. Bro. Christopher Murray, W. M. Lodge No. 1, informed the M. W. Grand Master that the several lodges in St. John and Carleton intend holding a festival under their several banners, at the Waverly House in this city, on to-morrow (Thursday) evening, the supper to be on the table at 9 o'clock, and in the name and on behalf of the committee of arrangements extended an invitation to the grand master, officers and representatives in grand lodge to be their guests on the occasion.

Whereupon it was moved by W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That grand lodge cordially accept the invitation.

The grand lodge was called from labor until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING,

24th September, 1868.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 11 o'clock.

In the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, who was prevented from being present in consequence of his judicial engagements, the east was occupied by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master. The other officers of grand lodge filled their respective stations.

The V. W. Grand Secretary read notes from Worshipful Bro. James McDougall, Grand Sword Bearer, and Worshipful Bro. Thomas F. Gillespie, Grand Steward, regretting their inability to be present at this session of grand lodge in consequence of unavoidable engagements.

The committee appointed to memorialize the death of the R.W. George H. Russell submitted the following report which on motion of Worshipful Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway, W. M. Lodge No. 2, was unanimously accepted and the recommendations ordered to be carried out, viz. :—

COMMITTEE ROOM, GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M.,
Saint John, N. B., Sept. 23, 1868.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the annual address of M. W. the Grand Master announcing the death of R. W. Bro. George H. Russell, Past Senior Grand Warden, P. M. of Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, N. B. R., beg to submit the following resolutions for adoption by M. W. the Grand Lodge :—

Resolved, That M. W. the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick, have heard with profound sorrow of the death of Right Worshipful Brother George H. Russell, Past Senior Grand Warden ;

And Further Resolved, That Bro. Russell, by his constant interest in the welfare of our Ancient Institution, his proverbial and unostentatious masonic charity, his integrity and the uniform urbanity of his deportment deservedly endeared himself to all the members of the fraternity, who will long preserve the memory of his virtues ;

And Further Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be engrossed and transmitted to the widow of our late R. W. Brother, under the seal of M. W. the Grand Lodge and the signature of the M. W. the Grand Master and V. W. the Grand Secretary ;

And Further Resolved, That as a mark of respect for the memory of our late

R. W. Brother the accompanying Memorial Page be entered upon the records of grand lodge and inserted in the printed proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WEDDERBURN, D. G. M.,
J. V. ELLIS,
ROBERT MARSHALL.

The following communication was read and ordered to be referred to the committee on warrants, viz.:—

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 886, E. R.,
Shediac, Sept. 21, 1868.

To the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:—

VERY WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—I am directed to inform you that at a regular communication of Zetland Lodge, held on the 16th inst., the following resolutions were adopted, and to request that you will submit them to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick for his consideration:—

1st.—That the secretary do communicate with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, asking if he will receive Zetland Lodge upon the same terms that he received other lodges.

2nd.—That upon receiving a favorable reply, the W. Master is hereby empowered to surrender the warrant and apply to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick for a warrant under his jurisdiction.

I am also directed to request that you will furnish the W. M. with all instructions necessary to enable him to make proper application for admission of this lodge under the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, provided that the Most Worshipful Grand Master gives an affirmative answer to the first resolution.

I am, Worshipful Sir and Brother,
Yours respectfully and fraternally,

JAMES INGLES,
Secretary.

W. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Grand Steward, seconded by W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, W. M. Lodge No. 2, and unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, grand lodge has ratified and confirmed the appointment by the M. W. Grand Master, of Worshipful Bro. D. E. Seymour, to represent this grand lodge in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Maine;

Therefore Resolved, as a token of the esteem and fraternal regard in which he is held by this grand lodge, that Bro. Seymour be constituted a permanent member thereof, with the rank and title of Past Senior Grand Deacon.

Bro. Seymour being present grand lodge was called up and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed him (Bro. Seymour) of the gratification he experienced in formally conveying to him this mark of recognition on the part of grand lodge.

Bro. Seymour expressed his thanks for the kindly feeling shown him, and grand lodge was called down.

It was moved by the W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by W. Bro. E. Willis, Grand Steward, and

Resolved, that the payment of stock subscribed towards "The New Brunswick Masonic Temple," shall be spread over at least three years; such payments to be made at such periods as the acting masonic temple committee, or trustees, may hereafter determine.

The following resolution was proposed by W. Bro. E. Willis, Grand Steward, seconded by R. W. Junior Grand Warden and adopted:

Whereas, It is necessary for the good government of the craft within this jurisdiction, to fix some limit to the time when all the lodges in the province shall affiliate with the grand lodge of New Brunswick;

Therefore Resolved, That the first day of January next be fixed as such limit, after which time the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall proceed against all unaffiliated lodges and their members, in the usual masonic manner.

The following resolution was moved by the W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by V. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain and agreed to:

Whereas, in the opinion of grand lodge, the contemplated masonic temple, when completed, will not only prove a great boon to the craft in this jurisdiction, but will at the same time, under proper management, yield reasonable dividends to stock-holders ;

Therefore Resolved, that the board of general purposes be and are hereby authorized, as soon as they shall deem it expedient, to take such steps for obtaining stock subscriptions beyond the City of Saint John, as they may deem best for carrying into effect the object in view.

It was moved by W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies seconded by R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, that the board of general purposes be authorized to prepare suitable forms and ceremonies for the purposes of grand lodge and its subordinates, and have the same printed for distribution when they deem it advisable.

Grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

24th September, 1868.

Grand lodge was called to labor at half-past two o'clock, the M. W. Grand Master in the East, and other office-bearers at their respective stations.

The following resolution was moved by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. G. H. Flewelling, W. M. Lodge No. 9, and adopted:—

Whereas, By the constitutions of the grand lodge, as amended at the present communication, power has been delegated to the board of general purposes to order the payment of accounts against grand lodge, together with the incidental expenses of the grand secretary's office ;

Therefore Resolved, That the board is empowered to make such regulations as it may deem expedient, as to the manner of drawing moneys for the payment of its orders, etc., and the grand treasurer is autho-

rized and required to honor and pay out of the funds of grand lodge, all orders and drafts so made upon him by the board.

The committee on the reports of grand treasurer and grand secretary, submitted the following report, which, on motion of V. W. Grand Secretary, was ordered to be laid over for future consideration, viz.:—

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:—

The committee to whom the grand secretary's and grand treasurer's reports, with the accompanying schedules, were referred, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find them correct.

1st.—Your committee hereby agree with the grand secretary in recommending to the grand lodge the desirability of establishing a masonic library for the use of the craft in this jurisdiction; lodges at present being, to a certain extent, dependent on the generosity of individual brethren for authority on masonic law, which should at least be within the reach of every lodge.

2nd.—Your committee beg to recommend that a committee be appointed to collect and superintend such a library, and that such committee be authorized to subscribe for the standard masonic journals of the day, to enable the craft to keep posted as to the advance and progress of our order, and that said committee draw on the board of general purposes for any expenses they may incur in prosecuting this work.

3rd.—Your committee beg to recommend that the question of depositing and withdrawing the funds of the grand lodge be referred to the board of general purposes for their action.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. G. FORBES,
DAVID BROWN, } Committee.
CHAS. A. HOLSTEAD,

GRAND LODGE ROOM,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 24, 1868.

In accordance with the order of yesterday's session, it was on motion

Resolved, that grand lodge do now proceed to the election of the elective officers for the ensuing year.

The following brethren were appointed by the M. W. Grand Master scrutineers to collect and report upon the ballots, viz.:

W. Bros. Christopher Murray, W. M. Lodge No. 1; David R. Munro, W. M. Lodge No. 10, and Mark N. Powers, P. M. Lodge No. 3.

On motion of W. Bro. Edward Willis, Grand Steward, seconded by W. Bro. Alfred A. Stockton, W. M. Lodge No. 19, it was

Resolved, that the election be conducted by nomination.

Ballots were taken and the following brethren declared duly elected to the respective offices, viz.:—

M. W. Benjamin Lester Peters, Past Master of Lodge No. 1, Grand Master.

R. W. William Wedderburn, Past Master of Lodge No. 2, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Benjamin R. Stevenson, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 5, Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. John Richards, Past Master of Lodge No. 6, Junior Grand Warden.

V. W. Rev. William Donald, D. D. of Lodge No. 10, Grand Chaplain.

V. W. William H. A. Keans, Past Master of Lodge No. 2 Grand Treasurer.

Bro. John Boyer, of Lodge No. 1, Grand Tyler.

It was moved by W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, that in the system of representation with other grand lodges

no higher rank than that of past senior grand warden shall be conferred by this grand lodge upon representatives from such grand lodges.

On motion of W. Bro. Edward Willis, Grand Steward, it was

Ordered, that the report of the committee on the grand treasurer and grand secretary's reports be taken from the table and considered by sections.

Whereupon the first and third sections were agreed to and the second negatived.

The report was then adopted as amended.

The committee on warrants presented the following report, which on motion of W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by W. Bro. Powers, P. M. Lodge No. 3, was ordered to be received and adopted, viz.:

The committee on warrants have had before them application from Bro. William Montgomery, of Lodge St. John, No. 412, S. R. Bathurst, and others, praying that a warrant may be issued from the grand lodge. The necessary papers accompany the application, and your committee would recommend that a warrant be prepared and forwarded to the brethren named in the application.

The committee have also had before them copies of resolutions passed by Zetland Lodge, No. 886, E. R. Your committee would recommend that the M.W. the Grand Master direct a communication to be forwarded to the brethren of Zetland Lodge informing them that they will be accepted on the same conditions as other lodges have been.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN RICHARDS,
CHRIS. MURRAY,
BENJ. R. STEVENSON.

COMMITTEE ROOM, MASONIC HALL, 24th September, 1868.

It was moved by W. Bro. G. H. Flewelling, W. M. Lodge No. 9, seconded by W. Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That those lodges in the province which have not as yet accepted warrants from this grand lodge, shall be privileged to do so until the first day of January next, upon the same terms as the lodges at present acknowledging the jurisdiction of grand lodge.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master the following certificate of appointment was read and ordered to be recorded:

By the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Maine, in the United States of America:—

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine, have agreed to cultivate with each other a more intimate correspondence than has heretofore existed between them, and believing that the ties of brotherly affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the masonic family promoted, and the unity, integrity and purity of the order protected and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of representatives from each of the aforesaid grand lodges to the other;

THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, That We, reposing especial trust and confidence in our well-beloved Bro. David Brown, have thought fit to constitute and appoint, and by these presents do constitute and appoint the said Bro. David Brown the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, for the purposes aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused the seal of the grand lodge to be hereunto affixed, and have signed the same at [L.S.] the City of Portland, in the State of Maine aforesaid, the thirty-first day of August, A. D. 1868, A. L. 5868.

Attest, TIMOTHY J. MURRAY,
IRA BERRY, Grand Master.
Grand Secretary.

The grand lodge was thereupon called up and the R. W. Bro. Brown duly acknowledged and accepted as such representative.

The M. W. Grand Master presented credentials from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of which the following is a copy:

STEPHEN R. SIRCOM, D. G. M., [L. S.]
ACTING GRAND MASTER.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NOVA SCOTIA.

To the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick,—

GREETING :—

WHEREAS, a more intimate and fraternal intercourse between the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick would be calculated to strengthen the bonds of affection and tend to promote the unity, integrity and purity of the order ;

THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, With that object, and reposing especial trust and confidence in our M. W. Benjamin Lester Peters, we hereby nominate, constitute and appoint, and by these presents do nominate, constitute and appoint our said Most Worshipful Brothr to be our representative at the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, with full power, warrant and authority to act and appear for us in the said grand lodge in all laudable endeavors to promote the happiness and prosperity of our time-honored institution.

AND FURTHER, We do hereby confer on our said Representative the rank of a past grand master of this grand lodge.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused the seal of the grand lodge to be hereunto affixed, and have subscribed to the same. Dated at the City of Halifax this ninth day of May, A. L. 5868, A. D. 1868.

By command,

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master nominated the R. W. Bro. Wm. Taylor, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, to represent this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Whereupon it was moved by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved Unanimously, That such nomination be confirmed and the Right Worshipful Brother Taylor be constituted a permanent member of this grand lodge, with the rank and title of Past Senior Grand Warden.

On motion grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING,

24th September, 1868.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at seven o'clock, the M. W. Grand Master in the East and the other officers at their respective stations.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master elect, Benjamin Lester Peters, was duly obligated, invested and installed Grand Master of Freemasons of New Brunswick, by the Worshipful Brother John Willis, Past Master of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, and the Senior Past Master of the jurisdiction. The M. W. Grand Master was thereupon saluted with the customary honors and proclaimed in the east, west and south.

The M. W. Grand Master in the exercise of his prerogative made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz.:—

V. W. Wm. F. Bunting,.....Grand Secretary.
W. Thos. F. Gillespie,....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. David Main,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. John V. Ellis,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. Robert Marshall,....Ass't Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. James McDougall,....Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Henry Card,.....Grand Organist.
W. John Mullin,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. James Mullin,.....Grand Pursuivant.

W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Grand Steward.
W. HENRY LEONARD,..... do.
W. G. H. FLEWELLING,..... do.
W. JAMES A. MORAN,..... do.
W. JOHN WALLACE,..... do.
W. S. CRANE CHARTERS,.... do.
W. CHAS. A. HOLSTEAD,.... do.
W. WM. F. DIBBLEE,..... do.
W. REX. M. KING,..... do.

The officers of grand lodge, elected and appointed, were duly installed, invested and proclaimed, as follows :—

R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,...Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. WM. DONALD, D. D..Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS.....Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING.....Grand Secretary.
W. DAVID MAIN,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL.....Ass't Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. HENRY CARD.....Grand Organist.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. JAMES MULLIN,.....Grand Pursuivant.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Grand Steward.
W. HENRY LEONARD,..... do.
W. G. H. FLEWELLING,..... do.
W. JAS. A. MORAN,..... do.
W. CHAS. A. HOLSTEAD,.... do.
W. REX. M. KING,..... do.

[NOTE.—The Senior Grand Deacon and Grand Sword Bearer were not installed in consequence of being absent.]

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following brethren to the board of general purposes, viz.:—

R. W. JAMES ROBERTSON,.....Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....Past Junior Grand Warden.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Grand Steward.
W. JOHN D. SHORT,.....Past Master Lodge No. 2.
W. I. W. DOHERTY,.....W'pful Master Lodge No. 16
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,....Ass't Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,....Past Master Lodge No. 8.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, Jr.,..Past Master Lodge No. 22.
W. BLISS BOTSFORD,.....Past Master Lodge No. 23.

It was moved by Very Worshipful Grand Treasurer, seconded by Worshipful Grand Director Ceremonies, and

Unanimously Resolved, That in consequence of the long and distinguished services (extending over a period of fifty years) of the Worshipful Brother John Willis, Past Master of Lodges Nos. 3 and 19, and in further consideration of the position he formerly occupied as Senior Grand Deacon of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada, he be constituted a permanent member of this grand lodge, with the rank and title of Past Senior Grand Deacon.

In accordance with resolution of grand lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following brethren to assist in obtaining subscriptions to the capital stock of the masonic temple:—

BRO. THOMAS M. REED,.....P. M. Lodge No. 1.
" CHARLES KETCHUM,.....P. M. Lodge No. 8.
" CHRISTOPHER MURRAY,.....W. M. Lodge No. 1.
" JOS. C. HATHEWAY,.....W. M. Lodge No. 2.
" DAVID R. MUNRO,.....W. M. Lodge No. 10.
" JAMES G. FORBES,.....P. M. Lodge No. 2.
" HENRY LEONARD,.....P. M. Lodge No. 8.
" A. A. STOCKTON,.....W. M. Lodge No. 19.
" JOHN MULLIN,.....P. M. Lodge No. 3.
" WM. R. RUSSELL,.....W. M. Lodge No. 22.

It was moved by the Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies, seconded by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and

Ordered, That grand lodge shall commence its next annual communication at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Grand Lodge having finished all business presented was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy.

In Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

George R. Russell,

PAST MASTER MIRAMICHI LODGE, NO. 18,

Past Senior Grand Warden and Member of the Board of General Purposes.

WHO DIED AT CHATHAM, N. B.,

the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1868.

AGED 46 YEARS.

Roll of Lodges within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Location.	Date of Present Warrant.	Time of Regular Meeting.	No. Members.	Former G'rd Lodge	Surrender Former Warrant.
Albion,	1	Saint John,	March 31, 1868,	First Friday in each Month,	181	England,	Nov. 1, 1867.
Saint John's,	2	"	April 29, "	First Tuesday in each Month,	100	"	Nov. 5, 1867.
Hibernia,	3	"	April 30, "	Second Tuesday in each Month,	106	Ireland,	Nov. 12, 1867.
Sussex,	4	Dorchester,	May 1, "	Thursday on or after Full Moon,	35	England,	April 30, 1868.
Saint Mark's,	5	Saint Andrews,	May 2, "	First Thursday in each Month,	44	"	Nov. 19, 1867.
Solomon's,	6	Fredericton,	May 4, "	First Tuesday after every Full Moon,	58	"	Sept. 8, 1868.
Sussex,	7	Saint Stephen,	May 5, "	First Wednesday in each Month,	43	Ireland,	Oct. 30, 1867.
Carleton Union,	8	Carleton,	May 6, "	First Thursday in each Month,	80	England,	Sept. 5, 1867.
Midian,	9	Clifton,	May 7, "	Second Tuesday in each Month,	22	"	Nov. 12, 1867.
Union of Portland,	10	Saint John,	May 8, "	Third Thursday in each Month,	101	"	Oct. 19, 1867.
Woodstock,	11	Woodstock,	May 9, "	First Wednesday in each Month,	46	"	May 27, 1868.
Saint George,	12	Saint George,	May 11, "	First Tuesday in each Month,	35	"	Feb. 4, 1868.
Corinthian,	13	Hampton,	May 12, "	Wednesday on or after Full Moon,	15	"	Nov. 20, 1867.
Alley,	14	Upper Mills,	May 13, "	First Thursday in each Month,	53	"	Oct. 15, 1867.
Howard,	15	Hillsborough,	May 14, "	First Tuesday in each Month,	35	"	Jan. 14, 1868.
Saint Andrew,	16	Richibucto,	May 15, "	First Thursday in each Month,	68	Scotland,	Oct. 31, 1867.
Northumberland,	17	Newcastle,	May 16, "	Second Tuesday in each Month,	51	England,	Oct. 29, 1867.
Miramichi,	18	Chatham,	May 18, "	Third Thursday in each Month,	47	"	Oct. 15, 1867.
Leinster,	19	Saint John,	May 19, "	First Monday in each Month,	41	Ireland,	Oct. 21, 1867.
Salisbury,	20	Salisbury,	May 20, "	First Tuesday in each Month,	15	England,	.....
Zion,	21	Sussex,	May 21, "	Wednesday before Full Moon,	21	"	Dec. 5, 1867.
New Brunswick,	22	Saint John,	May 22, "	Second Thursday in each Month,	54	"	Oct. 10, 1867.
Keith,	23	Moncton,	July 3, "	Thursday after Full Moon,	27	"	July 3, 1868.
Zetland,	24	Shediac,	Sept. 16, "	Third Wednesday in each Month,	34	"	Sept. 16, 1868.
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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

Laying the Corner Stone of the Masonic Hall, Carleton,

JULY 30th, A. L. 5869.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held in the Masonic Hall, Judge Ritchie's building, Princess Street, in the City of St. John, on the 30th day of July, A. D. 1869, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at which the following actual and acting officers were at their respective stations:—

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Grand Master.
R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,...Senior Grand Warden.
W. GEORGE F. STICKNEY, as Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. WM. DONALD, D.D., Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,.....Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. DAVID MAIN,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN WALLACE,.....as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JAMES A. HARDING,..as Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. GEORGE F. SMITH,....as Ass't Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. G. H. FLEWELLING,...as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. DAVID MARTIN,.....as Grand Standard Bearer.
W. JAMES MULLIN,.....Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. STANAGE JACOBS,.....as Grand Steward.
" R. W. WETMORE,.....as do.
" RICHARD HEFFER,....as do.
" THOMAS O. SANDALL, as do.
" THOMAS ELLIOTT,....as do.
" GEORGE SMITH,.....as do.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

The V. W. Grand Secretary read the following note addressed to him by the secretary of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, under date the 13th July, instant;

V. W. Sir and Brother,—The hall for masonic purposes in course of erection by Carleton Union Lodge No. 8, is so far under way as to be ready for the *Corner Stone*, and an unanimous desire has been expressed by the lodge to have the same laid with the customary ceremonies of the craft, by the M. W. Grand Master. For the furtherance of this object, I am directed by the Worshipful Master of Carleton Union Lodge to ask the M. W. Grand Master to respond to the wish of the brethren by laying the corner stone of their contemplated hall.

He has further directed me to say that the lodge will be pleased to attend to such directions and carry out such arrangements as he, the M. W. Grand Master, may appoint.

I am yours respectfully and fraternally,

Charles Ketchum, P. M.,
Secretary.

The M.W. the Grand Master informed grand lodge that he had accepted the invitation of the Carleton Union Lodge with much pleasure; it being a gratification to him and he felt it would be to the craft generally, to know that another temple was about to be erected for masonic purposes. He thanked the lodges and the brethren for the ready response given to the summons issued by his direction, and expressed his pleasure in finding so large a number present to assist in the interesting ceremonies of the day.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, the grand secretary read the following note:—

ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN,
RELIGIOUS AND MILITARY ORDER OF THE TEMPLE,
ST. JOHN, N. B., July 14th, 1869.

V. W. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:—

V. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—I am directed by the Noble and Eminent Commander, John V. Ellis, to offer the services of the Encampment of Saint John, K. T., as an escort to the M. W. Grand Master and the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in the procession to be formed on Friday the 30th day of July.

Respectfully yours, I remain, etc.,

GEO. F. KEANS,
Secretary Encampment of St. John, No. 48.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated that he had directed the grand secretary to reply to the foregoing and to accept the services of the fratres of the Encampment of Saint John so courteously and so kindly offered.

All the necessary arrangements having been completed the M.W. the Grand Master vacated the East, when the order of procession was formed as follows:—

Eldon Brass Band.
Tyler with sword.
New Brunswick Lodge No. 22, James McNichol, jr., as W. M.
Leinster Lodge No. 19, Israel S. Gross, W. M.
Union Lodge of Portland No. 10, Robert M. Stevens, W. M.
Carleton Union Lodge No. 8, Richard N. Knight, W. M.
Hibernia Lodge No. 3, John Johnston, W. M.
St. John's Lodge No. 2, Jos. C. Hatheway, W. M.
Albion Lodge No. 1, Edwin J. Everett, W. M.
New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter.
Carleton Royal Arch Chapter.
Union de Molay Encampment, K. T.
Grand Lodge, escorted and supported by Encampment of St. John, Knights Templars, John V. Ellis, Commander.

The several bodies formed in line on Canterbury Street, under the command of Bro. James A. Harding, high sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, acting grand director of ceremonies and grand marshall of the day. The procession took its course to Carleton by way of the ferry and marched through some of the principal streets of Carleton to the site of the new hall, when the grand lodge and the other bodies formed in and around the foundation of the building, a choir of ladies and gentlemen singing the ode, "Hail Masonry Divine."

W. Bro. Richard N. Knight, W. M. Carleton Union Lodge, in a short and eloquent address to the M. W. the Grand Master, alluded to the efforts of his lodge in providing a suitable hall for their purposes and to the gratification the brethren experienced in having such a large assemblage of the craft present to do honor to the occasion. He then presented the grand master with a silver trowel having engraved on it, "B. Lester Peters, Esquire, Grand Master of New Brunswick: presented by Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M., at the laying of the corner stone of the masonic hall, Carleton, July, 1869," and requested that he would proceed to lay the corner stone.

The M. W. the Grand Master replied, expressing the great pleasure he felt in complying with the request of Carleton Union Lodge.

The parchment roll for deposit in the corner stone was read by the V. W. Grand Treasurer, viz.:—

By the favor of Almighty God:

On the 30th day of July A. D. 1869, A. L. 5869 and in the thirty-third year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, the corner stone of this masonic hall was laid by Benjamin Lester Peters, Esq., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New

Brunswick, attended and assisted by the grand lodge and various lodges and brethren of this jurisdiction, in accordance with the ancient usages of freemasonry, which may God prosper.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Richard N. Knight (chairman), Charles Ketchum, Edwin J. Wetmore, John V. Ellis, Henry Leonard, Jarvis Wilson, George H. Clark and William J. McCordock.

TRUSTEES OF THE LAND FOR CARLETON UNION LODGE.

Richard N. Knight, Edwin J. Wetmore and George H. Clark.

ARCHITECT—JOHN A. MUNROE.

Carleton Union Lodge No. 767 was founded by warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of England, dated 21st March, A. D. 1846, and the officers were installed on the 24th June of the same year. John S. Clark was the first Worshipful Master. On the re-numbering of the lodges in A. D. 1863 it received the number 524. In September 1867 it united with other lodges in the province in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and received its warrant as No. 8, dated May 6th, 1868. The officers of the lodge at the present time are

RICHARD N. KNIGHT,.....Worshipful Master.
GEORGE H. CLARK,.....Senior Warden.
JOHN N. MOORE,.....Junior Warden.
JARVIS WILSON,.....Treasurer.
CHARLES KETCHUM, P. M.,.....Secretary.
JAMES A. CLARK,.....Senior Deacon.
JOHN THOMPSON,.....Junior Deacon.
HENRY S. CLARK,.....Senior Steward.
DANIEL MULLIN,.....Junior Steward.
BENJAMIN TIPPETT, Jr.,.....Inner Guard.
WM. J. McCORDOCK,.....Master Ceremonies.
HENRY CARD,.....Organist.
JAMES H. EAGLES,.....Tyler.

Carleton, St. John, N. B.

The foregoing with a copy of the record of the organization of the grand lodge and the proceedings of the first annual communication, the city newspapers of the present

date, and the coins of the realm and of this province, were placed in a tin box and deposited by the grand treasurer in the cavity of the stone.

After the dedicatory prayer by the grand chaplain, the choir sang the hymn—"Supreme Grand Master, God of Power," during which the stone was lowered to its place.

The Deputy Grand Master then applied the *square*, the senior grand warden the *level* and the junior grand warden the *plumb*, after which the grand master proclaimed—"The foundation stone well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the ancient rules of the craft."

He then scattered corn upon it saying—"I scatter corn, the emblem of *plenty*, upon this stone according to ancient usage. May the Grand Architect of the universe bless this undertaking."

The following lines were then sung by the choir:

When once of old in Israel,
  Our early brethren wrought with toil,
Jehovah's blessing on them fell
  In showers of corn and wine and oil.

He then poured wine the emblem of *joy*, with the accustomed dedication and the choir sang:

When there a shrine to Him alone
  They built, with worship sin to foil,
On threshold and on corner stone
  They poured out corn and wine and oil.

He then poured oil the emblem of *peace*, and after the accustomed dedication the choir sang:

And we have come fraternal bands
  With joy and pride and prosperous toil,
To honor Him by votive hands
  With streams of corn and wine and oil.

The Grand Master, striking the stone three times with the gavel, said—" May the Grand Architect of the universe bless and prosper the inhabitants of this place, assist in the erection and completion of this building, protect the workmen from every accident, long preserve the structure from decay, and grant to us a bountiful supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment and the oil of joy."

Response—" So mote it be."

The grand master then presented the architect with the plans and working tools, and said to him—" As grand master of freemasons I have laid this corner stone with the usual ceremonies of our ancient craft. The erection of the building, according to the plans which have been duly approved, is entrusted to you. I place in your hands the working tools and assure you that the craft has the fullest confidence in your skill and ability to carry to a successful completion this important work."

Here followed the anthem, " The earth is the Lord's," by the choir, after which the grand chaplain pronounced the benediction.

The several bodies re-formed in the order of procession and marched to the Carleton city hall, where they partook of a luncheon provided by the members of Carleton Union Lodge.

After luncheon they again formed in procession and returned to the city proper by the Princess Street ferry, and having marched through some of the principal streets returned to the masonic hall.

The M. W. the Grand Master having taken his seat in the East, called grand lodge to order.

He addressed the assembled brethren and referred to the willing support he had received from the respective lo and other bodies, and to the hearty response they had made to his summons and invitation for the occasion. He alluded to the presence of the officers of grand lodge, some of whom were in attendance from distant parts of the jurisdiction at much personal inconvenience and sacrifice. He felt especial pride in receiving the support and escort of the Encampment of St. John, Knights Templars. He said there was not an individual outside of the craft who had witnessed the day's proceedings but must feel it an honor to be a freemason. He again thanked the brethren for their attendance and support.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master

Resolved Unanimously, That the cordial thanks of grand lod conveyed to the eminent commander and fratres of the Encampment of St. John, K. T., for the courteous offer of escort on this day and for the admirable and true knightly style in which they had performed this important duty.

It was moved by the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master and

Resolved unanimously, That the choir of ladies and gentlemen whose efforts had in a marked degree added greatly to the interesting ceremonies of the day, receive the thanks of grand lodge for their kind and gratuitous services.

It was moved by the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master and

Resolved unanimously, That the hearty acknowledgements of grand lodge be recorded to Bro. Harding, the grand marshall of the day, and his aides, for the efficient manner in which they superintended and conducted the various arrangements.

After which the grand lodge was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer by the Rev. and V. W. Grand Chaplain

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

SEPTEMBER 22nd and 23rd, 1869.

The second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 22nd day of September, A. D. 1869, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

M.W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Grand Master.
R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JAMES ROBERTSON,....as Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS,.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. WM. DONALD, D.D., Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,.....Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....as Grand Secretary.
W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,..as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID MAIN,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL.....Ass't Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. JAMES McNICHOL, JR., as Grand Pursuivant.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Grand Steward.
W. S. CRANE CHARTERS,.... do.

The grand lodge was opened in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

The M. W. Grand Master informed grand lodge that the V.W. Grand Secretary was unable to attend and he requested W. Bro. John V. Ellis to act in his place.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, acting grand secretary, seconded by W. Bro. Willis, Grand Steward, and

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication be dispensed with, the same having been printed and in the hands of the brethren.

W. Bros. Alfred A. Stockton, Thomas Irving and David Brown, appointed by the board of general purposes a committee on credentials, reported the following representatives present and entitled to seats and voices in grand lodge, viz.:

Albion Lodge, No. 1, ... B. Lester Peters.
Thomas M. Reed.
Robert T. Clinch.
Edwin J. Everett.
James Robertson.
C. A. Robertson.
Robert R. Sneden.
Thomas N. Robertson.
T. A. D. Forster.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2, ... Jos. C. Hatheway.
William Wedderburn.
Wm. H. A. Keans.
John D. Short.
Samuel F. Matthews.
James G. Forbes.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, ... John Johnson.
John Mullin.

Wm. E. Everett.
David Martin.
Mark N. Powers.

Sussex Lodge, No. 4, ... S. Crane Charters.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 6, ... John Richards.

Sussex Lodge, No. 7, ... David Main.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, ... Richard N. Knight.
Charles Ketchum.
John V. Ellis.
Henry Card.
Edwin J. Wetmore.
Henry Leonard.

Midian Lodge, No. 9, ... G. Hudson Flewelling.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10. Robert Marshall.
Rev. Wm. Donald, D. D.
David R. Munro.
William C. Morissey.
John Frost.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 13, ... George L. Taylor.

Alley Lodge, No. 14, ... Wilder Babcock.

Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16, ... Joseph Wetmore.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19, ... Israel S. Gross.
Edward Willis.
Alfred A. Stockton.
John Willis.
Henry J. Thorne.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, . . William R. Russell.
James McNichol, Jr.

Keith Lodge, No. 23, ... John L. Harris.

Zetland Lodge, No. 24, ... Thomas Irving.
Alexander Stronach.

Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, ... Robert Good.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered his annual address as follows, he said:—

It is with great satisfaction that I congratulate grand lodge on the prosperous condition of our ancient and honorable fraternity in this jurisdiction.

Since the last annual communication our foreign relations have largely extended, and fraternal intercourse has been established with grand lodges in all parts of the masonic world, while the returns of private lodges afford ample evidence of the increasing prosperity of our order at home.

At the request of the board of general purposes I renewed application by memorial to the grand lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, asking that fraternal communication may be established with those grand bodies, there remaining only two lodges (on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland) within this province that are not on the roll of this grand lodge. I have deemed it expedient to await the answer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland before proceeding to the exercise of masonic discipline against those two lodges in the hope that, by voluntary submission to the local authority, the necessity for extreme measures may be avoided.

In accordance with resolution of grand lodge, at the last annual communication, a warrant issued to brethren at Dalhousie, in the County of Restigouche, erecting them into a lodge by the name of "Restigouche Lodge," No. 25. In the month of November last, attended by the V. W. Grand Secretary and the W. Grand Pursuivant, I left this city for the purpose of opening Restigouche Lodge. We arrived at Chatham on the evening of Saturday, the 7th November, and visited Miramichi Lodge, No. 18. I am glad to inform grand lodge that Miramichi Lodge is in a most prosperous condition with a large number of active and zealous members. The meetings are held in the masonic hall, a commodious building erected by the craft at Chatham. The lodge room is spacious and comfortable and well adapted for the purposes of the craft. On Monday, the 9th of November we left

Chatham accompanied by W. Bro. Thomas F. Gillespie, P. M. of Miramichi Lodge, Senior Grand Deacon, and Bro. James Anderson and arrived at Dalhousie on the following morning. On Tuesday, the 10th of November, assisted by the brethren who accompanied me, I constituted "Restigouche Lodge," No. 25, in due and ancient form and installed W. Bro. William Draper as first master. The Worshipful Master then installed the wardens named in the warrant and appointed and installed his other officers and the lodge was duly erected according to ancient usage. I have every reason to congratulate grand lodge upon the organization of this new lodge and I have no doubt that Restigouche Lodge will prove an honor to the craft. We left Dalhousie on the following morning. I purposed making official visit to Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, at Newcastle, in returning, but was informed that the ordinary place of meeting was engaged on the evening upon which I arrived at Newcastle and that therefore arrangements could not be made for a meeting of the lodge. I regretted this, but as it was impossible for me to remain longer at Newcastle, I was obliged to return home without having the pleasure of meeting the brethren of Northumberland Lodge.

Application was made by the Worshipful Master, wardens and brethren of Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 16, setting forth that the lodge had built a hall at Richibucto and requesting that such hall might be dedicated to masonry. I had great pleasure in acceding to the request. On Thursday, the 26th of January last, I arrived at Richibucto and made an official visit to the lodge on the evening of that day. On Wednesday, the 27th, the brethren met in the forenoon and afternoon for instruction. On Wednesday evening a masonic ball was given by the lodge in honor of the visit of the officers of grand lodge. There was a large assemblage including members of the craft from adjoining counties and we enjoyed the pleasure and privilege of meeting the fair sisterhood in that part of the province. On Thursday, at high twelve, the masonic hall was solemnly dedicated according to the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity, with the ceremonial appropriate to so important an event. The building was tastefully and handsomely decorated for the occasion, the attendance of the craft at the ceremonies of dedication was very large, the spacious hall was filled to its utmost capacity and the greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed among the brethren. Eloquent expression was given by prominent members of the lodge to the pleasure they had experienced in the visit of the officers of grand lodge and we separated with renewed assurances of

fraternal attachment and good will. I have great pleasure in reporting to grand lodge that Lodge St. Andrew is in a most flourishing position, with a roll of upwards of seventy members. The masonic hall has been built by the craft at Richibucto without assistance from any quarter and reflects great credit on the members. The building is well constructed and arranged and the lodge room is second to none in the province in its adaption to what is required for the due performance of our rites.

While at Shediac, on my way to Richibucto, I made official visit to Zetland Lodge, No. 24, and had the pleasure of meeting a large number of the brethren and receiving from the Worshipful Master a gratifying report of the position and prospects of the lodge.

Since the last annual communication I visited Howard Lodge, No. 15, at Hillsborough, in Albert County. I found a large number of brethren assembled and the report of the W. Master on the progress of the lodge was satisfactory. The place of meeting I found neither so commodious or well arranged as could be desired, and on bringing the necessity for a change in this respect to the attention of the lodge, I was informed by the W. Master that arrangements were proceeding for removal to a more convenient place for holding the meetings of the lodge.

I have pleasure in reporting to grand lodge that I have received the most cordial assistance during the year from the masters and past masters of the private lodges in this city, who have cheerfully accompanied me in my official visitations, when, in consequence of the absence of grand lodge officers who reside in distant parts of the province, I had occasion to request the attendance of city past masters.

The visits made to different parts of the province have afforded me great pleasure, not alone in the extended personal acquaintance which I have thus been enabled to make among the brethren, but in the cordial and most hospitable greeting and entertainment everywhere accorded to myself and the officers of grand lodge.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master visited Keith Lodge, No. 23, and Corinthian Lodge, No. 13. His report to me on the position of those lodges I have pleasure in laying before you :

OFFICE OF THE D. G. MASTER, ST. JOHN, N. B. Sept. 22nd, 1869.

To M. W. the Grand Master :

M. W. SIR,—I have very great pleasure in reporting that I officially visited Keith Lodge, No. 23, located at Moncton and Corinthian Lodge, No. 13, at Hampton, during the last summer and that the former lodge I found in a very pros-

perous condition, with a large number of zealous and devoted members. The work of the third degree was performed in a most satisfactory manner. I was happily attended by V. W. the Grand Secretary on the occasion. The hospitality extended to me by the brethren of Keith, [principally in the form of a banquet in the evening] seemed to be without bounds and I came away fully persuaded that Keith Lodge is in the care of masons who love the craft. T Corinthian Lodge has for a long time been practically inoperative. Sever a active masons, however, seemed indisposed to allow it to become extinct and upon the erection of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, determined to make an earnest effort to bring it up to something like its old standard. When, by your request, I visited Corinthian officially and presented them with the war rant of grand lodge, I found the lodge in good working condition and I have no doubt by perseverance and some little self-sacrifice Corinthian will continue to exist a credit to the craft.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

WM. WEDDERBURN, D. G. M.

It will be most gratifying to you and the craft generally throughout this jurisdiction, to know that the differences which, unhappily, divided the brotherhood in Nova Scotia on the important subject of the formation of an independent grand lodge, have terminated and that an union of all the lodges has been consumated under the grand lodge of Nova Scotia. On the invitation of the committee of arrangements, I had the honor of being present and taking part in the interesting proceedings which resulted in the union of the lodges under one banner.

I had the pleasure of receiving a cordial and fraternal communication from the M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master of Canada, informing me that he purposed passing through this jurisdiction on his way to Nova Scotia. He was accompanied by the M. W. Bro. Dr. Bernard, P. G. M. of Canada; and in their most agreeable companionship I visited Halifax, where we arrived on the 23rd of June last and on the evening of that day the union of the lodges, under the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was perfected. The venerable and eminent Bro. the hon. Alexander Keith, who, during a long life of devotion to the interests of the fraternity, has won for himself the respect and attachment of the craft, was unanimously elected grand master and the other officers of grand lodge were eventually chosen with like unanimity. On the following day, 24th of June, the Festival of Saint John the Baptist, the M. W. Bro. Keith was, by the M. W. the Grand Master of Canada, duly installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, in the presence of a large assemblage of the craft, numbering upwards of six hundred. I had the honor of assisting the M. W. Grand Master of Canada in the ceremonies of installation; and

there were present M. W. Bro. Bernard, P. G. M. of Canada, M. W. Bro. Sircom, P. G. M. of Nova Scotia and R. W. Bro. Clinch, P. G. M. of New Brunswick. The M. W. Grand Master Keith received the homage of the brethren amid the most enthusiastic and unanimous plaudits of the large assemblage. Public procession was then formed and the masonic festival duly celebrated by the attendance of the craft at public worship at St. Paul's Church, where choral service was admirably rendered. An eloquent and impressive discourse was delivered by R. W. Bro. the Rev. D. C. Moore, grand chaplain. In the evening a sumptuous masonic banquet was given by the craft, the M. W. Grand Master of Nova Scotia presiding; and thus terminated proceedings most gratifying to all who have at heart the unity and prosperity of our ancient and honorable fraternity.

Having received an application from Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8' requesting that the corner stone of the masonic hall, in course of erection by that lodge at Carleton, in this city, might be laid with masonic ceremony, I convened a special communication of grand lodge for the purpose and invited the assistance and co-operation of the craft generally throughout the province, and on the 30th day of July last I had the honor of laying the foundation stone of the new hall. I had received from St. John's Encampment, Knights of the Temple, a courteous offer of escort which I had pleasure in accepting, and that Encampment formed escort to grand lodge in the public procession. DeMolay Encampment of Knights Templars, Carleton Royal Arch Chapter and New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter also took part in the ceremonies of the day. All the city lodges were largely represented, many brethren were present from different parts of the province and members of the craft from sister jurisdictions. The energy and masonic spirit exhibited by the members of Carleton Union Lodge in building for themselves a spacious hall are worthy of all praise, and I hope that the example thus set by our brethren on the western side of the harbor will at no distant day be followed by the city lodges on this eastern side in uniting in the erection of a masonic temple worthy of the craft in this jurisdiction.

Three applications have been made for warrants to erect new lodges in this province; from brethren at Milltown, in Charlotte County, at St. George, in Charlotte County, and at Blissville, in Northumberland County. Of these applications the first mentioned has been already before grand lodge. The assent of the nearest lodge has since been obtained and registration of some of the petitioners is all that is required before granting dispensation. In the other cases necessary

preliminary requirements must be complied with before I shall feel justified in proceeding further in the matter.

The chief business to which I have to ask the attention of grand lodge is certain proposed changes in the constitution that during the year have occupied the carefel attention of the board of general purposes, and which will be placed before you in the report of the board. It is very desirable that a thorough revision of the constitution should be made at this communication, so that after the issue of a new edition, now required, few alterations will be necessary in the future.

The masonic record for the past year within this jurisdiction, has been marked by the progress and prosperity of our order. The efficient working of the lodges already established, the erection of new lodges and the building and dedication of temples devoted to masonic purposes evidence the steady advancement of our ancient fraternity. Harmony and unity prevail among us and I feel justified in congratulating you on the success which has attended the organization of this grand lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by W. Assistant G. D. Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That the election of grand officers for the ensuing year take place this evening at 8 o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master presented credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, as follows:—

Sit Lux et Lux Fuit.

By the Most Worshipful Jonathan L. Dawson, Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Tennessee, in the United States of America:—

WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee, have agreed to cultivate with each other a more intimate correspondence than has heretofore existed between them, and believing that the ties of brotherly affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the masonic family promoted and the unity, integrity and purity of the order protected and its utility and

honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of representatives from each of the aforesaid grand lodges to the other,

THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, That We, reposing especial trust and confidence in our well-beloved Bro. B. Lester Peters, have thought fit to constitute and appoint, and by these presents do constitute and appoint the said B. Lester Peters the Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee, near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, for the purposes aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused the seal of the grand lodge to be hereunto affixed, and have signed the same at the City of Nashville, in the State of Tennessee, the 17th day of March, A. D. 1869, A. L. 5869.

JONATHAN S. DAWSON,
Grand Master.

Attest:
JOHN FRIZZELL,
Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master, with the approval of grand lodge, appointed W. Bro. George S. Blackie, M. D., Assistant Grand Secretary of Tennessee, the Representative for New Brunswick in the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and grand lodge by an unanimous vote conferred upon Bro. Blackie the rank of past grand deacon of this grand lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Grand Steward, seconded by W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, and

Resolved, That upon the recommendation of the grand secretary of Nebraska Bro. E. A. Allen, of that jurisdiction, be appointed representative of this grand lodge in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, with the rank of past grand deacon.

On motion the grand lodge was called from labor until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,

22nd September, 1869.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3 o'clock, the M.W. Grand

Master in the East and other officers at their respective stations.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, as president of the board of general purposes, submitted the following report which on motion of W. Bro. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, seconded by W. Bro. Marshall, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,
GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M., OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SAINT JOHN, N. B., Sept. 22nd, 1869.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

The board of general purposes beg to report that during the past year they have, from time to time, assembled as the business of the jurisdiction under grand lodge required and have disposed of all matters submitted to their judgment, as they deemed the interests of the craft demanded. They have much pleasure in assuring grand lodge that the craft throughout the province is in an exceedingly prosperous condition, as they believe the official reports of M. W. the Grand Master and other grand officers will shew. Harmony prevails in the various lodges, a warm interest is manifested in their meetings and accessions are being made to their membership and many of them are exhibiting evidence of material progress. The general fund seems to be amply sufficient, not merely to defray promptly all claims for ordinary and incidental expenses, but to allow a large margin for expenditure in charities and in enlarging and improving the properties and increasing the usefulness of the craft. Many lodge rooms are commodious and eligible and some of them quite handsome in appearance, while efforts are being made in different directions towards erecting masonic temples and making the halls where the craft assembles more comfortable and attractive, wherever a want in this respect is felt.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

Naturally this fact recalls the attention of the board to the necessity of providing much better accommodation for the various masonic bodies of the City of St. John (east side). An idea is quite prevalent

that the plan proposed last year by the board is beyond the pecuniary means and present requirements of the craft, and while that opinion prevails it must be very difficult, if not quite impossible, to carry that scheme to a successful termination. It would be well, therefore, for grand lodge to reconsider the whole subject, that the board may at all times have possession of the latest views and, at the same time, be in a position to avail themselves of any favorable circumstances or opportunity to supply the want so much felt and so unanimously expressed at the last communication of grand lodge.

Appeal.

But one appeal has been submitted to the board, that of Bro. Henry C. McMonagle against the action of Leinster Lodge, No. 19. The grievances complained of and the careful report of the committee of the board and their final action in the matter, are in the possession of V. W. the Grand Secretary and are all in grand lodge for reference at this time. Without proceeding minutely into the various charges preferred by Bro. McMonagle, the board beg to state the point decided by them, that it may be known to the craft in this jurisdiction. The committee of the board closed their report as follows:

"The sub-committee further find that Bro. McMonagle, after the lodge had finally taken action in his case and when he was in good standing, voluntarily withdrew his membership on the 7th December. The appeal is made on the 29th December. The sub-committee urge the board to settle the principle, whether in a case like this an appeal ought to be entertained at all. The sub-committee conceive that an appellant ought to retain his membership and await the action of the grand lodge, as no good purpose can be served by entertaining appeals on matters of purely lodge discipline, after the appellant has resigned his membership in the lodge."

Whereupon it was by the board

Resolved, That the report be accepted and the appeal of Bro. McMonagle dismissed, in consequence of his having severed his membership in the lodge prior to making his appeal, as set forth in the second paragraph of the committee's report.

Deposit of Funds.

Shortly after the last communication of grand lodge the board found it impracticable to carry out the order of grand lodge to deposit the funds in the Bank of New Brunswick. Arrangements, however, were made finally with the Bank of British North America to receive the moneys, subject to the check of M. W. the Grand Master, R. W. the

Deputy Grand Master, and V. W. the Grand Treasurer, or of two of them, the V. W. the Grand Treasurer always to be one. Under these provisions the funds of grand lodge have been regularly deposited by V. W. the Grand Treasurer.

ACCOUNTS.

The committee on accounts and audit have very carefully attended to their duty and their final report is submitted as follows:—

The sub-committee of the board appointed to audit the accounts for the past year submit the following report:—

They have examined the treasurer's books and find them correct. The treasurer has received $1,600 and has paid out $1,513.71 leaving a balance of $86.29 in bank.

The grand secretary's books and accounts are made up with the usual care and neatness and afford full information of the state of the funds up to August 31st, at which time the grand secretary closes his accounts.

He has received in the year $1,122.18 and has paid over to the grand treasurer the sum of $1000, leaving a balance in his hands of $122.18, and, in addition to this, $31.15 was paid by lodge No. 11 on September 1st and not taken into his account.

A detailed statement of the accounts is herewith submitted:

On looking over the accounts the audit committee are impressed with the fact that the revenues of the grand lodge are ample for its wants. The expenses of organization have been heavy; in the year large sums have been paid for regalia, for books and for printing; these will not have to be incurred again, so that the current expenses of the year must necessarily be less than those of the year that is past and the funds of grand lodge will now rapidly accummulate.

JOHN V. ELLIS.
J. ROBERTSON.
JOHN D. SHORT.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

The board have given great consideration to the constitution for the general government of the craft in this jurisdiction, examining the various provisions in the light of the experience of two years' operation. They beg to submit to grand lodge the following amendments, which, having been entered *pro forma* on the notice book of V. W. the Grand Secretary, may be constitutionally discussed and decided upon at the present communication:—

1st.—It is proposed to make the following section, No. 6, on page 38 of the constitution and to re-number the subsequent sections so far as shall be necessary:

"6. Every brother of the rank of past master who shall remove

into the Province of New Brunswick and shall become a regular contributing member of any lodge therein, shall retain his rank as a past master and as such be entitled to membership in grand lodge."

2nd.—It is proposed to make the following section No. 19, on page 41 and re-number the subsequent sections as may be necessary:

"19. No mason can be a member of more than one lodge at the same time, except that he may be elected an honorary member of another lodge or lodges, as hereinafter provided in this constitution; but in case he shall be suspended, excluded or expelled from the lodge of which he is an actual member, his honorary membership shall absolutely cease."

3rd.—For the sake of reference, it is proposed to insert the same section substantially as No. 3, page 49, under the title of "Honorary Members," as follows:

"3. In case an honorary member shall be suspended, excluded or expelled from the lodge of which he is an actual member, his honorary membership shall absolutely cease."

4th.—It is proposed to make the following section No. 4, under the same title:

"4. No brother shall be admitted an honorary member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting.

5th.—It is proposed to add the following to section No. 16, on page 40:—

"16. An interval of not less than seven days shall in all cas[illegible] between the times respectively of conferring the degrees o[illegible] brother.

6th.—It is proposed to make the following section [illegible], page 22, and No. 4, page 38, and to re-number the sections [illegible]owing; in the former case the word "Grand" to precede the word "Lodge."

"3. Every election of officers shall be by nomination in open lodge, and where no opposing candidate is nominated the election shall proceed by shew of hands, and in case a ballot is taken every ballot cast for a brother not in nomination shall be destroyed uncounted."

7th.—It is proposed to make the following section No. 3, page 38, and to re-number the subsequent sections:—

"3. The Worshipful Master of a lodge shall not be elected to that office for more than two years consecutively, except by dispensation from the grand master."

8th.—It is proposed to make the following section No. 27, page 42 and to re-number the following sections :—

"27. Any member of a lodge absent from the Province of New Brunswick and in arrears of dues for the term of two years and upwards may, by a vote of the lodge, be considered as having withdrawn therefrom."

9th.—It is proposed to make the following section No. 29, page 42, and to re-number the subsequent sections :—

"29. In case of the re-instatement of a member suspended for non-payment of dues the lodge re-instating him shall pay all arrearages of dues to the grand lodge for the brother restored."

10th.—It is proposed to amend section 28, page 43, as follows :

"28. Each lodge shall make its returns and payments to the grand lodge annually, not less than four weeks previous to the annual communication of grand lodge, and in case of neglect to make such returns and payments the master and wardens and all representatives of such lodge shall be disqualified from attending grand lodge or sitting upon any committee until those returns and payments have been completed, and in case of continued neglect for more than one year to make such returns and payments, or in case the lodge does not meet during that period, it shall be liable to be erased."

11th.—It is proposed to make the following section No. 36, page 44 :

"36. The regular business of the lodge, including the reading of the minutes, shall be transacted in a lodge of entered apprentices."

12th.—It is proposed to amend section 2, page 38, to read as follows :

"2. Every lodge shall annually, in December, elect its master and treasurer, such master having first served as warden of a warranted lodge for at least one year. On the festival of Saint John the Evangelist or the first lawful day following this election, after the minutes have been read and approved, the master shall be installed according to ancient usage, he shall then appoint the other officers and install them and the treasurer and tyler into office."

The board recommend that they be empowered to publish the book of

constitution as soon as possible and to place the same for sale in the office of the grand secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WEDDERBURN, D. G. M.,
President Board General Purposes.

The amendments to the constitution proposed by the board were thereupon taken up for discussion and were disposed of as follows:—

SECTION 1.—Adopted.
" 2.—Adopted, except all following and including the words "but in case."
" 3.—Negatived.
" 4.—Adopted.
" 5.—Adopted.
" 6.—Adopted.
" 7.—Adopted.
" 8.—Adopted.
" 9.—Adopted.
" 10.—The consideration of this section was deferred until the next annual communication of grand lodge.
" 11.—Indefinitely postponed.
" 12.—Indefinitely postponed.

It was thereupon on motion—

Resolved, That the report as amended be adopted and printed with the published proceedings.

The grand lodge was called from labor until this evening at 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

22nd September, 1869.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 8 o'clock, the officers at their respective stations as in the afternoon.

The order of the day fixing the election of grand officers at 8 o'clock was read by the acting grand secretary.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren to act as scrutineers, viz. :—

W. Bro. Ketchum, P. M. Lodge No. 8; W. Bro. Irving, P. M. Lodge No. 24; and W. Bro. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2.

At this stage of the proceedings Past Grand Master R. T. Clinch was announced, and thereupon received into grand lodge with the customary masonic honors and the acclamations of the brethren.

The following brethren were proposed for the respective offices, and were duly elected without opposition, viz. :—

M. W. Benjamin Lester Peters, nominated by W. Bro. Short, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and re-elected Grand Master.

R. W. William Wedderburn, nominated by R. W. Bro. Richards, J. G. W., and re-elected Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Benjamin R. Stevenson, nominated by W. Bro. Marshall, Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, and re-elected Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. John Richards, nominated by W. Bro. Irving, P. M. Lodge No. 24, and re-elected Junior Grand Warden.

V. W. and Rev. Wm. Donald, D. D., nominated by W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, P. M. Lodge No. 1, and re-elected Grand Chaplain.

V. W. William H. A. Keans, nominated by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and re-elected Grand Treasurer.

Bro. John Boyer was nominated and re-elected Grand Tyler.

The M. W. B. LESTER PETERS, Grand Master elect, was duly obligated, invested and installed by Past Grand Master Robert T. Clinch.

The M. W. Grand Master was thereupon saluted with the usual honors and proclaimed in the east, west and south.

The M. W. Grand Master in the exercise of his prerogative, appointed the following office-bearers for the ensuing year, viz:—

V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. DAVID MAIN,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS IRVING,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. EDWARD WILLIS.....Ass't G. D. Ceremonies.
W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,..Grand Sword Bearer.
W. JOHN MULLIN.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,.....Grand Pursuivant.

The office-bearers elected and appointed were thereupon duly installed, invested and proclaimed, as follows:—

R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS,.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. WM. DONALD, D. D..Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WILLIAM W. A. KEANS,...Grand Treasurer.
W. DAVID MAIN,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS IRVING,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Ass't G. D. Ceremonies.
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[NOTE.—The Senior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Tyler, who were absent, were not installed.]

It was on motion of R. W. Wm. Wedderburn, Deputy Grand Master:

Resolved, That the board of general purposes be authorized to codify the book of constitution, with the several amendments thereto, adopted at the last and present sessions of grand lodge and have the same printed for distribution.

It was moved by W. Bro. Willis, Assistant Grand Director Ceremonies, seconded by W. Bro. Ketchum, P. M. Lodge No. 8, and

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be empowered to exercise his own discretion in dealing with the two lodges in the province which have not as yet accepted warrants from this grand lodge, viz:—St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 364, of Fredericton, and St. John Lodge, No. 412, of Bathurst, both on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, W. M. Lodge No. 2, seconded by W. Bro. David Martin, P. M. Lodge No. 3, and

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to the board of general purposes, from which they shall have the power, from time to time, to make grants to pay the actual travelling expenses of officers of grand lodge, incurred in the discharge of their official duties, under direction of the M. W. Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Richards, Junior Grand Warden, seconded by W. Bro. Ellis, Past G. D. Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That the grand secretary be directed to ascertain from the respective lodges, the amount each will be willing to contribute towards a fund for the employment of a grand lecturer.

On motion, the grand lodge was called from labor until 12 o'clock noon, to-morrow.

THURSDAY NOON,

23rd September, 1869.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at the appointed hour, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in the East.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, acting Grand Secretary, seconded by W. Bro. Marshall, Grand Dir. Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That the board of general purposes be directed to prepare annually a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of grand lodge up to the 1st September of each year, and have the same printed and placed in the hands of the members of grand lodge on the first day of each annual session.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, acting Grand Secretary, seconded by W. Bro. Short, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That at the next annual communication, after the general business of the session shall have been transacted, grand lodge will proceed to the exemplification of the work ; and

Further Resolved, That the V. W. Grand Secretary, in issuing summonses to the private lodges, be directed to draw their attention to this fact.

It was moved by W. Bro. Mullin, Grand Standard Bearer, and

Resolved, That the grand secretary be directed to inform the lodges that the revised constitution is about to be published, and to ascertain the number of copies each will take, and that they be informed that the sole right of issuing the constitution is vested in grand lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committee on work and ritual:

M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, V. W. Grand Secretary, W. Bros. John V. Ellis, Joseph C. Hatheway and Alfred A. Stockton.

The following brethren were appointed grand stewards for the ensuing year, viz.:—

W. MARK N. POWERS,.....P. M. Lodge No. 3.
W. S. CRANE CHARTERS,.....P. M. Lodge No. 4.
W. WM. F. DIBBLEE,.....P. M. Lodge No. 11.
W. GEO. L. TAYLOR,.....W. M. Lodge No. 13.
W. WILDER BABCOCK,.....S. W. Lodge No. 14.
W. I. W. DOHERTY,.....W. M. Lodge No. 16.
W. ALFRED MARKHAM,.....W. M. Lodge No. 21.
W. JOHN L. HARRIS,.....W. M. Lodge No. 23.
W. ROBERT GOOD,.....S. W. Lodge No. 25.

It was moved by W. Bro. Marshall, Grand Dir. Ceremonies, seconded by R. W. Bro. Robertson, Past Senior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That grand lodge, recognizing the importance of having a suitable masonic temple in Saint John, the board of general purposes be directed to take steps towards carrying out the scheme already suggested, or to prepare such a modification of it as will attain the desired result.

It was moved by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to appoint a committee during the recess to make arrangements, if practicable, for a grand lodge festival at the next annual communication.

The acting grand secretary read a petition in the usual form, from thirteen master masons, residents of Milltown, in the County of Charlotte, praying for a warrant of constitution for a new lodge to be named the "Victoria Lodge" No. —, to meet as a regular lodge at Milltown on the second Thursday of every month. The petitioners recommend Robert Pool to be the first master, James H. Smith Senior Warden and George H. Farnham Junior Warden.

The prayer of the petition is recommended by Sussex Lodge No. 7, of Saint Stephen, being the nearest lodge.

It was thereupon moved by W. Senior Grand Deacon seconded by W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, P. M. Lodge No. 1. and

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted and that the M. W. Grand Master be empowered to furnish the petitioners with a warrant of constitution, when all the requirements of grand lodge shall have been complied with by the petitioners.

The following brethren were appointed to the board of general purposes for the ensuing year, viz. :—

R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....Past Junior Grand Warden.
W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Past Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. JOHN D. SHORT,.....Past Master Lodge No. 2.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,.....Past Master Lodge No. 8.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,...Grand Pursuivant.
W. THOMAS M. REED,.....Past Master Lodge No. 1.
W. DAVID MARTIN,.....Past Master Lodge No. 3.
W. ROBERT R. CALL,.....Past Master Lodge No. 17.
W. ALFRED A. STOCKTON,...Past Master Lodge No. 19.

It was, on motion

Ordered, That the next annual session of grand lodge be opened at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

All business before grand lodge having been disposed of, it was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy:

William H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, in Account with the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

1868.		Dr.	
Sept. 22.	To amount received from Albion Lodge, with interest to commence May 1st, 1868,.....		$600 00
1869.			
Feb'y 3.	Amount received from Grand Secretary,..	400 00	
8.	" " " ..	100 00	
May 18.	" " " ..	500 00	
			1000 00
			$1600 00

1868.		Cr.		
Nov. 3.	By paid order No.	1—R.T. Clinch, for regalia,	$275 07	
	"	2—George E. Fairweather,	161 00	
	"	3—James H. Venning,....	84 75	
	"	4—Henry G. Hunt,.....	1 49	
	"	5—John Livingston,.....	2 00	
	"	6—Prop'tors Ev'g Globe,..	4 40	
	"	7—Willis & Davis,.....	9 00	
	"	8—Knox & Thompson,....	49 50	
1869.				587 21
May 17.	"	9—George Fleming,.....	10 00	
	"	10—A. F. Chapman,.....	11 12	
	"	11—C. J. Peters & Son,...	3 34	
	"	14—Grand Secretary.....	350 00	
	"	15—Grand Secretary,.....	32 35	
	"	16—Hall Committee,.....	11 00	
	"	17—Henry Brown,.....	17 80	
	"	19—Hall Committee,.....	5 00	
	"	20—Hall Committee,.....	20 00	
				460 61
19,	"	12—Magee Bros.,.....	111 88	
22,	"	13—Henry Chubb & Co.,..	283 02	
Aug. 3,	"	18—M.W. Grand Master...	90 99	
				485 89
	Balance on deposit in B. B. N. America,.....			66 29
				$1600 00

W. H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, 22nd Sept., 1869.

Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, in Account with Grand Lodge.

Moneys received during the year ending 31st August, 1869.

Received from	Albion Lodge,	No. 1....	$131 90
"	Saint John's,	2....	68 50
"	Hibernia,	3....	96 90
"	Sussex,	4....	31 00
"	Saint Mark's,	5....	39 80
"	Solomon's,	6....	36 50
"	Sussex,	7....	51 90
"	Carleton Union,	8....	54 80
"	Midian,	9....	20 40
"	Union of Portland,	10....	6 50
"	Woodstock,	11....	39 00
"	Saint George,	12....	32 40
"	Corinthian,	13....	6 50
"	Alley,	14....	58 60
"	Howard,	15....	63 70
"	Saint Andrew,	16....	56 38
"	Northumberland,	17....	33 90
"	Miramichi,	18....	54 80
"	Leinster,	19....	28 30
"	Salisbury,	20....	9 60
"	Zion,	21....	28 00
"	New Brunswick,	22....	63 20
"	Keith,	23....	32 40
"	Zetland,	24....	20 60
"	Restigouche,	25....	25 00
"	Sale of Constitutions,		31 80
			$1122 18

Synopsis of Returns of Lodges for the year ending 27th December, 1868.

No. Lodge	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Time of Regular Communication.	Initiated	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Suspended.	Excluded	Reinstated.	No. Members.
1	Albion,	Saint John,	First Friday in each Month,	16	19	19	1	13	4	....	....	....	181
2	Saint John's,	"	First Tuesday in each Month,	9	8	6	1	6	....	....	1	....	102
3	Hibernia,	"	Second Tuesday in each Month,	18	16	13	....	8	5	....	....	....	111
4	Sussex,	Dorchester,	Thursday on or after Full Moon,	5	4	4	....	....	1	....	....	1	39
5	Saint Mark's,	St. Andrews,	First Thursday in each Month,	6	8	8	2	....	....	....	....	....	52
6	Solomon's,	Fredericton,	Second Tuesday in each Month,	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	68
7	Sussex,	St. Stephen,	First Wednesday in each Month,	10	9	8	5	1	....	....	....	....	56
8	Carleton Union,	Carleton,	First Thursday in each Month,	9	9	11	2	3	....	....	....	1	87
9	Midian,	Clifton,	Second Tuesday in each Month,	4	4	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	26
10	Union of Portland,	Saint John,	Third Thursday in each Month,	19	17	15	5	2	....	....	9	....	115
11	Woodstock,	Woodstock,	First Wednesday in each Month,	7	7	9	2	3	1	2	....	2	52
12	Saint George,	Saint George,	First Tuesday in each Month,	7	6	5	....	5	1	....	....	....	36
13	Corinthian,	Hampton,	Wednesday on or after Full Moon,	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	15
14	Alley,	Upper Mills,	First Thursday in each Month,	20	25	29	1	....	....	....	....	....	54
15	Howard,	Hillsborough	First Tuesday in each Month,	13	12	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	48
16	Saint Andrew,	Richibucto,	Monday on or after Full Moon,	9	10	9	....	1	....	....	....	....	70
17	Northumberland,	Newcastle,	Second Tuesday in each Month,	4	3	2	1	5	....	....	1	....	51
18	Miramichi,	Chatham,	Third Thursday in each Month,	11	10	10	7	10	2	3	....	....	50
19	Leinster,	Saint John,	First Monday in each Month,	4	6	6	....	2	1	....	....	....	42
20	Salisbury,	Salisbury,	First Tuesday in each Month,	1	1	1	....	....	1	1	....	....	19
21	Zion,	Sussex,	Wednesday before Full Moon,	7	7	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	25
22	New Brunswick,	Saint John,	Second Thursday in each Month,	15	13	9	....	14	....	....	....	....	55
23	Keith,	Moncton,	Thursday on or after each New Moon	3	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	31
24	Zetland,	Shediac,	Third Wednesday in each Month,	1	2	3	....	....	....	....	1	....	34
25	Restigouche	Dalhousie,	First Tues. on or after each new moon	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
				199	199	192	28	73	17	6	12	4	1419

CONSTITUTION

AND

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE

OF THE

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

TITLE.

THE style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "**THE GRAND LODGE OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.**"

HOW CONSTITUTED.

1. The grand lodge shall consist of the elective and appointed officers (excepting the grand tyler) with all past grand officers except past grand tylers, continuing to subscribe to a lodge, the masters and wardens of all private lodges (duly returned) and all past masters (duly returned) being members of a private lodge; provided that no brother shall rank as a past grand officer unless at the time of holding office in grand lodge he was either a master or past master of some lodge.

2. Should neither the worshipful master nor the wardens of a lodge attend any communication of grand lodge, such lodge by its vote, properly certified by the worshipful master and secretary and under seal, may delegate any master or past master entitled to a seat in grand lodge to represent their lodge, but no proxy shall be valid unless the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the worshipful master and secretary of the lodge: and no brother can represent by proxy more than one lodge. A duplicate of such written proxy

shall be delivered to the grand secretary before the communication of the grand lodge.

OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the grand lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

2. The grand master or presiding officer at the annual communication shall appoint three scrutineers whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for grand officers from the brethern to whom they have been delivered. The scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot, and having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates they shall present their reports to grand lodge.

3. Every election of officers shall be by nomination in open grand lodge, and where no opposing candidate is nominated the election shall proceed by shew of hands, and in case a ballot is taken every ballot cast for a brother not in nomination shall be destroyed uncounted.

4. The election and appointment of all officers of grand lodge shall take place at the annual communication, when those present shall be duly installed or invested and proclaimed in ancient form. As soon after the opening of the annual communication as conveniently may be, grand lodge shall, by a majority vote, determine the hour at which the election and installation of officers shall be commenced; at which time grand lodge shall proceed with the election or installation as the case may be, such order of proceeding taking precedence of all other business before grand lodge.

5. The officers of the grand lodge shall consist of—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
Right " Deputy Grand Master.
" " Senior Grand Warden.
" " Junior Grand Warden.
Very " Grand Chaplain.
" " " Treasurer.
" " " Secretary.
" " Deacons.
" " Director of Ceremonies.
" Assis't " Director of Ceremonies.
Worshipful " Sword Bearer.
" " Standard Bearer.
" " Organist.
" " Pursuivant.
" Stewards of the year.
" Tyler.

6. The following officers of the Grand Lodge shall be *elected* by written ballot :—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
Right " Deputy Grand Master.
" " Senior Grand Warden.
" " Junior Grand Warden.
Very " Grand Chaplain.
" " " Treasurer.
" Tyler.

7. The following officers shall be *appointed* by the Grand Master, viz. :—

Very Worshipful Grand Secretary.
" " Deacons.
" " Director and Assis't Director of Cere-
" " Sword Bearer. [monies.
" " Standard Bearer.
" " Organist.

Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.
" " Stewards.

8 The rank of officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows :—

M. W. Grand Master.
R. W. Past Grand Masters according to seniority.
" Deputy Grand Master.
" Past " " Masters.
" Senior " Warden.
" Past Senior Grand Wardens.
" Junior " Warden.
" Past " " Wardens.
V. W. Grand Chaplain.
" Past " Chaplains.
" Grand Treasurer.
" Past " Treasurers.
" Grand Secretary.
" Past " Secretaries.
W. Senior Grand Deacon.
" Past " " Deacons.
" Junior " Deacon.
" Past " " Deacons.
" Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Past " Directors of Ceremonies.
" Assis't Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Past " " Directors of Ceremonies.
" Grand Sword Bearer.
" Past " " Bearers.
" Grand Standard Bearer.
" Past " " Bearers.
" Grand Organist.
" Past " Organists.
" Grand Pursuivant.
" Past " Pursuivants.
Grand Stewards of the year.

And the masters, past masters and present wardens of private lodges, in the order of the number of their respective lodge warrants.

9. The elective officers respectively, are to be chosen by written ballot by a majority of all the votes present. In case of a third ballot, the candidate having the fewest votes shall not be in nomination, and on each succeeding ballot the lowest candidate shall be dropped until an election is had.

10. No brother shall be eligible to any elective office in the grand lodge (except the offices of grand chaplain and grand tyler,) unless he shall have been regularly installed worshipful master of a private lodge.

11. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the grand lodge, the grand master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place, *pro tempore*.

12. Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the craft, may, by a vote of the grand lodge, duly confirmed, be constituted members of the grand lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

13. No member of the grand lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing, nor shall he be allowed to wear any jewel not recognized by the grand lodge.

14. Should any lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the grand lodge for the year previous to the annual communication, the master, wardens, or other representative of such lodge, shall not be permitted to attend such annual or any subsequent meeting of the grand lodge, until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

15. No brother shall be permitted to attend the grand lodge as master, past master, or warden, until his name and appointment

shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the grand secretary's office.

16. The annual communication of the grand lodge shall be holden in the city of St. John, on the fourth Wednesday in September, in each year. None but members of the grand lodge shall be present at the communications, without permission of the grand master or presiding officer.

17. The grand master, or in his absence from the province, the deputy grand master, or in his like absence, the grand wardens, may summon and hold a grand lodge of emergency, at such time and place as in his or their opinion, the good of the craft shall require and the particular reason for convening such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

18. If at any grand lodge, annual or emergent, the grand master be absent, the lodge shall be ruled by the grand officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; and, if no elective grand officer be present, by the master of the senior lodge. And the powers of any *pro tempore* presiding officer, shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him. The grand lodge is declared to be open in *ample form* when the grand master is present; in *due form* when a past grand master or the deputy presides; at all other times only in *form*, yet with the same authority.

19. By the ancient constitutions and usages of freemasonry, the grand lodge, as the supreme masonic authority in this province, is invested with certain original, essential and unalterable powers and privileges. Among these is the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the craft, and of altering, repealing and abrogating them, always taking care to preserve the ancient landmarks. The grand lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the craft, or to particular lodges, or to individual brothers, which

it may exercise by itself, or by delegated authority and the exclusive power of erasing lodges and expelling members; of establishing and preserving a uniform system of work and lectures; of issuing warrants for new lodges and of suspending or revoking the same.

Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge During the Time of Business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening the grand lodge.

Reading and confirmation of minutes.

Communications from the grand or deputy grand master.

Reports from grand secretary and grand treasurer.

Reports from the board of general purposes, committees, etc.

Reading and disposing of letters, bills, etc.

Money grants.

Deferred business.

New business.

Closing the grand lodge.

2. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each lodge having three votes, each past master one vote, each officer of grand lodge, except the grand tyler not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote by virtue of his office, and the grand master a casting vote in case of an equal division, unless the lodge for the sake of expedition think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the grand master. Where any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are

always to be signified by each holding up his right hand, which uplifted hands the grand wardens or grand deacons are to count, unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

3. All members shall keep their seats, except the grand deacons, grand director of ceremonies and his assistant and the grand stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

4. No brother shall speak more than once to the same question, unless in explanation or the mover in reply, without permission from the chair.

5. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the grand master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the grand master to order or the grand master shall think fit to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum.

6. No notice shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of the grand lodge, or for adding a new rule, regulation or law, without notice in writing, stating in full the amendment or addition proposed, having been given to the grand secretary at least one month before the time appointed for holding the communication at which it is to be submitted to the grand lodge, and no alteration or addition shall be made unless by consent of a majority of the members present.

7. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing if the presiding officer or any brother desire it.

8. It shall be competent for a member of the grand lodge to move a motion, an amendment or an amendment to an amendment but an amendment to amend an amendment shall not be entertained.

OF THE GRAND MASTER.

1. The grand master and the elective grand officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual communication.

2. The grand master shall be installed and invested immediately after his election according to the ancient usage. He shall then appoint such grand officers as come within his prerogative to appoint, who, together with the grand officers elect, shall, if present, be thereupon installed or invested in ancient form.

3. In the temporary absence of the grand master from the province, notified by him to the grand secretary, the deputy grand master shall possess all the powers of the grand master, and should the grand master die during his term of office or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof by sickness, permanent absence from the province or otherwise, the deputy grand master shall forthwith assume the functions of grand master until the next annual election, and should the deputy grand master die previous to such election, the grand wardens shall immediately summon a grand lodge to elect a grand master.

4. If the grand lodge shall resolve to be represented in a sister grand lodge, the grand master, under sanction of the grand lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent such grand lodge in a sister grand lodge. He may also with the concurrence of the grand lodge, constitute any distinguished brother, who may be regularly deputed from a sister grand lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick with such rank as the grand lodge may deem to be appropriate.

5. The grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge and order any of his grand officers to attend him. His deputy is to be placed on his right and the master of the lodge on his left hand. His wardens are also to act as wardens of that particular lodge during his presence; but if the grand wardens be not present then the grand master may command the wardens of the lodge or any master masons to act as his wardens *pro tempore*.

6. The grand master may send his grand officers to visit any lodge he may think proper.

7. The grand master may summon any lodge or brother to attend him and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such lodge or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons; if such last summons be not attended to, such lodge or brother may be suspended and the proceeding notified to the grand lodge.

8. The grand master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning masons or masonry, but through the grand secretary.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. This officer is to be elected at the annual communication of the grand lodge. If present he shall be immediately installed according to ancient usage. In the absence of the grand master, as hereinbefore provided, the deputy possesses all his powers and privileges.

2. The deputy grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge with the master of the lodge on his right hand. The grand wardens, if present, are to act as wardens of that lodge during his presence.

OF GRAND WARDENS

1. The grand wardens shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. When the actual grand wardens are in grand lodge no others can supply their places, but in their absence the senior past grand wardens present shall act *pro tempore*. If no past grand warden be present the grand master may direct any other member of grand lodge to act as grand warden for that occasion.

3. The grand wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the grand master and while he presides in any particular lodge are to act there as his wardens.

OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The grand chaplain shall be elected and invested at the annual communication and shall attend all communications and other meetings of the grand lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the fraternity.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

1. The grand treasurer shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. The grand treasurer shall give bonds with two sureties to the M. W. Grand Master, himself for two thousand dollars and the sureties in one thousand dollars each, to the satisfaction of the grand master, for the due performance of his trust; and shall renew or alter the same and provide other sureties therein, whenever and as often as he shall be required so to do, by the grand master or the grand lodge or the board of general purposes.

3. To the grand treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity or for any other use of the fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the grand lodge or other proper authority shall direct and submit an account of his receipts and disbursements to the board of general purposes, at least [illegible] days before every regular communication of grand [illegible] whenever and as often as he shall be [illegible] upon [illegible] these accounts shall be annually [illegible] by the said board, who shall make the [illegible] September.

OF GRAND SECRETARY.

1. The grand secretary shall be appointed and invested at the annual communication.

2. The grand secretary shall sign and certify all instruments from the grand lodge, under seal or otherwise; issue summonses for all meetings of the grand lodge, board of general purposes and of any committee of which he shall be directed by the grand master or grand lodge, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several lodges, and enter them in the books of the grand lodge, and duly report the same at each annual communication of the grand lodge; to transmit to all lodges the proceedings of every communication or other meeting of grand lodge and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the grand master, the grand lodge or board of general purposes; to notify all lodges annually of all expelled, restored, suspended or excluded members for the year; to furnish the board of general purposes or other constituted authority, all proper documents and information that they may require; to receive all petitions, memorials, etc., and to lay them before the grand master or other proper authority; to attend the grand master or board of general purposes and to take to him or them any books or papers he or they may direct; to conduct the correspondence of the grand lodge; to receive, credit and record all moneys of the grand lodge and pay over the same without delay to the grand treasurer; to take the custody of the grand lodge seal and affix it to all warrants, certificates and other proper papers by order of the grand master, and annually report the amount received, and generally to do all such things as heretofore have been or should be done by a grand secretary.

3. The grand secretary shall also submit at each annual communication, a general report on the state of the craft under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge, with as full and particular accounts possible of the membership, funds, properties, annual work and efficiency of each lodge in the province.

4. The grand secretary shall be paid a salary of [ ] per annum for his services, out of the fund of general purposes. He shall open and keep open an office to be styled "The office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," and shall inform all the lodges in the province where the said office is located, and in case of its removal, to where it has been removed.

OF GRAND DEACONS

The grand deacons shall be appointed and installed at the annual communication. If they are absent at any communication the grand master or presiding officer may appoint any members of grand lodge to officiate *pro tempore.*

OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, GRAND SWORD BEARER, GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND PURSUIVANT, GRAND STEWARDS, GRAND STANDARD BEARER AND GRAND TYLER.

1. The grand director of ceremonies, assistant grand director of ceremonies, sword bearer, organist and pursuivant, stewards and standard bearer are to be appointed annually by the grand master on the day of his installation. They are to attend all communications and other meetings of the grand lodge.

2. *The grand director of ceremonies and assistant grand director of ceremonies,* in addition to their other duties, have the care during the session of grand lodge of the regalia, clothing, insignia and jewels belonging to the grand lodge.

3. *The grand sword bearer* shall carry the grand master's sword of state on all proper occasions and perform such other duties as may be required of him pertaining to his office.

4. *The grand pursuivant* shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of the grand lodge and with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none except those

who are qualified and who have their proper clothing and jewels and have signed their names to the accustomed papers and are in all respects entitled to admission, be admitted.

5. The grand master may appoint not more than twelve *grand stewards* annually for the regulation of grand festivals under the direction of the grand master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications and other meetings of the grand lodge.

6. *A grand standard bearer* shall be appointed by the grand master at the annual communication. He must be a master mason and shall carry the standard of the grand lodge.

7. *The grand organist* shall be a master mason and be appointed and invested at the annual communication and shall conduct the musical ceremonies of the lodge, under the direction of the grand master or presiding officer.

8. *The grand tyler* is to attend all meetings of the grand lodge, assist in the arrangements and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

9. If any grand tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting or pretending lodge of masons not being regularly constituted or not acknowledging the authority of the grand master or not conforming to the laws of the grand lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a tyler or attendant on a lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Officers of the grand lodge shall be installed and invested in person, and no installation or investure of an officer by proxy shall be permitted.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

1. The board shall consist of the grand master, deputy grand

master, (who shall be ex-officio president), the grand wardens, grand secretary and ten other members, to be appointed at the annual meeting of grand lodge by the grand master.

2. The board shall elect one of its members to be vice-president. Should the president and vice-president be absent from any meeting of the board the members shall elect a chairman *pro tempore*. The presiding officer shall have a casting vote, in case of a tie, in addition to his vote as a member.

3. Should any vacancy occur among the appointed members of the board, by death or otherwise, the grand master shall immediately appoint a qualified brother to fill the vacancy, and the grand secretary shall inform the board at its next meeting of the brother so appointed.

4. The grand secretary shall act as secretary of the board and keep a full record of its proceedings and transactions.

5. Five members of the board shall make a quorum for the transaction of any business.

6. The board has full power to regulate its own time and place of meeting.

7. It has also authority to hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individual masons, when regularly brought before it. It may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, subject to the approval of the grand master and an appeal to the grand lodge. Should an appeal be made, notice must be given in writing to the grand secretary within one month after the decision of the board. The board cannot expel a member or erase a lodge, but it may, if it deem such extreme punishment advisable, recommend the same to grand lodge.

8. The board may summon any lodge or brother to attend it and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the lodge or the certificate of the brother. If such lodge or brother do not

ply, or give sufficient reasons for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued, and in case of contumacy the lodge or brother shall be suspended and the proceedings notified to the grand lodge.

9. In case of any charge affecting a member of the board or a lodge to which he belongs such member shall withdraw whilst the board considers its decision.

10. The board shall always have access to any of the papers, books or documents of the grand lodge. It shall examine all accounts against the grand lodge and if found correct may order their payment. It may also order the payment by the grand treasurer of any petty expenses of the grand secretary's office or any other office in connection with the grand lodge, but the aggregate of the sum which it can order to be paid in one year must not exceed one hundred dollars.

11. The board may recommend to the grand lodge for its adoption whatever measures it shall deem advantageous or necessary to the welfare and good government of the craft.

12. The board shall be a general committee to which shall be submitted all matters referred by grand lodge to a committee except in cases where a special committee is appointed. It is to assist and advise with the grand master in reference to the good government of the craft, it may appoint sub-committees of its own body for foreign correspondence or for specified purposes, but such committees must always report to the board.

13. The board shall previous to the annual meeting of grand lodge appoint three masters or past masters of lodges as a committee on credentials, who shall attend within the porch of the grand lodge for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the grand pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the accustomed papers and are in all respects entitled to admission.

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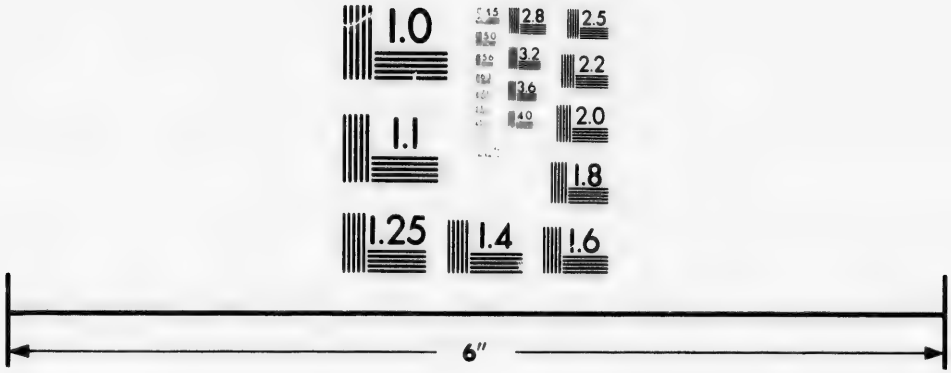

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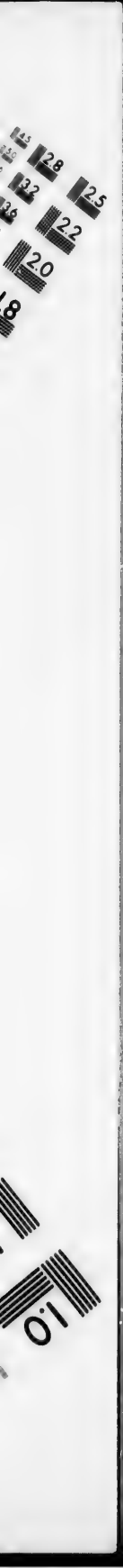
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FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

1. The charity fund of this grand lodge shall be known as "The Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," and shall consist of such donations as may be given towards it, together with such other amounts as may from time to time be received on account of said fund.

2. The fund of benevolence shall be held in the name of the grand lodge and shall be under the control and direction of the board of general purposes.

3. This fund shall be appropriated exclusively for the relief of such poor and distressed brethren, and the widows and orphans of deceased brethren, as may be deemed worthy of assistance; provided always that such brethren or such deceased brethren at the time of their decease were registered and in good standing on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

PRIVATE LODGES.

1. The officers of a lodge are the master and his two wardens, chaplain, a treasurer, a secretary, two deacons, two stewards, director of ceremonies, inner guard and tyler, who shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed and installed.

2. Every lodge shall annually at the regular communication immediately preceding the 27th December, the festival of Saint John the evangelist, elect its master and treasurer by written ballot such master having first served as warden of a warranted lodge for at least one year. At the next regular meeting following his election after the minutes shall have been read and approved, he shall be installed according to ancient usage, he shall then appoint the other officers and install them and the treasurer into office.

3. The worshipful master of a lodge shall not be elected to that

office for more than two years consecutively, except by dispensation from the grand master.

4. Every election of officers shall be by nomination in open lodge, and where no opposing candidate is nominated the election shall proceed by show of hands, and in case a ballot is taken every ballot cast for a brother not in nomination shall be destroyed uncounted.

5. Officers shall be installed in person and no installation of an officer by proxy shall be permitted. If the officer elect or appointed be not present, he shall be installed at the first regular communication of the lodge at which he is present, and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to attend for installation for two regular communications after his election or appointment, the lodge may, by a majority vote, declare his election or appointment void and revoked, and another shall be elected or appointed in his stead, who shall be installed into office in due form.

6. Every brother of the rank of past master who shall remove into the Province of New Brunswick and shall become a regular contributing member of any lodge therein, shall retain his rank as a past master and as such be entitled to membership in grand lodge.

7. Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulations of the grand lodge. Two copies of the by-laws must be submitted to the grand secretary for the approbation of the grand master, and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

8. The by-laws of the lodge shall be delivered to the master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his mastership. Every brother shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the lodge, as a

declaration of his submission to them, and every member shall, at all reasonable times, have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the lodge and delivered to the members.

9. The master of every lodge is to cause the ancient charges, the regulations of the grand lodge relating to private lodges and the by-laws of his lodge, to be read in open lodge once every year.

10. The master is responsible that a book or books, be kept, in which the secretary shall enter the names of the members of the lodge and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising, and also their ages, as nearly as possible, at that time, and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written.

11. The place and regular days of meeting of the lodge shall be specified in the by-laws and no meeting of the lodge shall be held elsewhere, except a removal be decided upon in conformity with the laws and with the consent of the grand master.

12. Every lodge, when removed to a new place of meeting or whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the grand secretary. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge until the removal be properly notified.

13. A lodge of emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the master or in his absence of the senior warden, or in their absence of the junior warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The business to be transacted at such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes and no other business shall be entered upon.

14. Every lodge shall keep a book in which all visitors attending shall, at each meeting, sign their names before entering the lodge, with their masonic rank and the name of their mother lodge or the lodge from which they hail.

15. The precedency of lodges is derived from the number of their warrant of constitution, as recorded in the books of the grand lodge. No lodge shall be acknowledged nor any of its officers admitted into the grand lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privileges, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

16. No lodge shall, on any pretence, make more than five new brothers in one day, unless by dispensation, in which case the number of persons shall be set out in the dispensation, nor until they have been balloted for and approved, nor can a rejected applicant for initiation in the province be balloted for in the same or any other lodge within six months from the time of such rejection: every lodge rejecting a candidate shall forthwith notify every lodge in the province of such rejection by a sealed notice, nor shall a higher degree in masonry be conferred on any brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, except by dispensation from the grand master, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open lodge in such previous degree. An interval of not less than seven days shall, in all cases, elapse between the times respectively of conferring the degrees on a brother.

17. No lodge in the County of St. John shall make a mason for a less consideration than twenty dollars, and no lodge outside of the county shall make a mason for a less sum than sixteen dollars, nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the lodge for all the fees payable on account of his initiation. This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated, provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the grand master be first obtained.

18. Every candidate initiated in a lodge, if he desires, shall become a member thereof from the date of his initiation, and is liable for the regular lodge dues. He shall immediately sign the by-laws.

19. No mason can be a member of more than one lodge at the same time, except that he may be elected an honorary member of another lodge or lodges, as hereinafter provided in this constitution.

20. Every lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren initiated therein, and also in making the returns of its members, as no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity, unless his name be duly registered and he shall have been at least two years a contributing member of a lodge.

21. To prevent injury to individuals by their being excluded the privileges of masonry through the neglect of their lodges in not registering their names, any brother so circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof to the grand secretary that he has paid the full fees of his lodge, shall be capable of enjoying the full privileges of the craft. But the offending lodge shall be reported to the grand lodge and rigorously proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return, and detaining moneys which are the property of the grand lodge and which had been paid to the lodge for specific appropriation.

22. The master shall see that all moneys received or paid on account of the lodge are entered in proper books by the secretary and treasurer. The accounts of the lodge shall be audited at least once in every year by a committee appointed by the lodge.

23. Each lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a grand lodge certificate to be paid for by the lodge.

24. No lodge or officer, or member of a lodge shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation, to enable a mason to proceed from lodge to lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to lodges or individual brethren for relief.

25. No lodge shall form any public masonic procession or attend in masonic clothing any public or private gathering which is not

permitted by the constitutions, without a dispensation from the grand master.

26. Every lodge has the power of suspending or excluding a member for unmasonic conduct or for non-payment of dues; but no lodge shall suspend or exclude any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself: when the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given by ballot. The name of every brother suspended or excluded, together with the cause of his suspension or exclusion, shall be sent to the grand secretary and to every lodge in the province.

27. Any member of a lodge absent from the Province of New Brunswick, and in arrears for dues for the term of two years or upwards may, by a vote of the lodge, be considered as having withdrawn therefrom.

28. A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the lodge without a fresh ballot, on application to the lodge and payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular lodge dues for the period he was so suspended, and notice of his restoration shall be forthwith given to the grand secretary and to every lodge in the province.

29. In case of the re-instatement of a member suspended for non-payment of dues, the lodge re-instating him shall pay all arrears of dues to the grand lodge for the brother restored.

30. The jewels and furniture of every lodge belong to and are the property of the master, wardens and brethren of such lodge.

31. All minutes, lists and books of account, belonging to a lodge must be produced by the master when he shall be so required by competent authority.

32. The majority of the members of a lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to the master and wardens, or other representative, before the meeting of the grand lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

33. Each lodge shall annually, immediately after the 27th day of December, make a return to the grand secretary of the master, wardens and past masters of the lodge, including all members who claim to be entitled to attend in grand lodge as past masters, as having served the office of master in some other lodge, specifying the lodges in which each of such past masters have served the office of master; and no brother shall be permitted to attend in grand lodge unless his name shall appear in some such return

34. Each lodge shall make its returns and payments annually, immediately after the 27th day of December, to the grand secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year to make such returns and payments, or in case the lodge does not meet during that period, it shall be liable to be erased. The master and wardens, or any representatives of such lodge, are thereby disqualified from attending the grand lodge or sitting upon any committee until those returns and payments are completed.

35. By a vote of the lodge the dues of any member in indigent circumstances may be remitted.

36. If a lodge be dissolved, its warrant and records shall forthwith be delivered up to the grand master or other constituted authority.

37. As every warranted lodge is a constituent part of the grand lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any lodge shall determine to quit the lodge, the constitution or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members; provided their number be not less

than seven, otherwise the warrant ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed shall revert to the grand lodge, together with the funds and property of said lodge.

38. No lodge shall be erased or its warrant declared forfeited until the master, or in his absence the wardens, shall have been notified in writing, of the offence, and shall have been summoned to answer to the complaint made.

39. If any lodge, by its master and wardens, be summoned to attend or to produce its warrant, books, papers or accounts to the grand master, his deputy or any board or committee, or person authorized by the grand lodge and do not comply nor give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued, and in case of contumacy, such lodge may be suspended and the proceedings notified to the grand lodge which shall have power to declare the warrant forfeited, or otherwise deal with it as a majority shall determine.

40. No member shall, on any pretence, exhibit or expose any representation or similitude of any jewel or furniture of a lodge, or of any masonic emblem or device, on any sign-board, show or window blind, business card or advertisement, under pain of reprimand or suspension by the lodge, or even expulsion by the grand lodge, and every member is strictly enjoined to report to the lodge to which the offending brother belongs, any brother violating this rule.

41. A lodge offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the grand lodge, the grand master or the board of general purposes, be subject to admonition or suspension, as before provided.

OF MASTERS AND WARDENS OF LODGES.

1. All preferment among masons shall be grounded upon real

worth and personal merit only; therefore, no brother shall be elected master of a lodge or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority or rank. No master elect shall assume the master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may, in the interim, rule the lodge. It shall be necessary, previous to the installation of the master, that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of a master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a master, and on confirmation of that election, at the following ordinary meeting of the lodge, the installation of the master shall follow.

2. Every master, before being placed in the chair, shall, in addition to a full compliance with the prescribed order and ceremonies of installation, solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old-established usages and customs and to preserve the land-marks of the fraternity and most strictly to enforce them within his own lodge.

3. The master, wardens and members of a lodge, are enjoined to visit other lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among freemasons.

4. The master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts when required by any lawful authority.

5. If the master die, be removed or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the senior warden, and in the absence of the senior warden the junior warden shall act as master in summoning the lodge until the next election of officers.

6. If the master be not present the immediate past master, or if

he be not present the senior past master of the lodge present shall take the chair. If no past master of the lodge be present then the senior warden, or in his absence, the junior warden may rule the lodge but not confer degrees.

7. A past master of any other lodge may be invited to officiate as master and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

8. The master and wardens of every lodge when summoned so to do shall attend the grand master, his deputy, the grand lodge or any board or committe or person authorized by the grand lodge, and produce the warrant, minutes and books of the lodge under pain of suspension and being reported to the next grand lodge.

9. No warden or other officer of a lodge can resign his office nor can he be removed unless for a cause which appears to a majority of the lodge to be sufficient, but if the master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers he may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge, and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint is well founded he shall have power to displace such officer and another must be elected or appointed in his place.

OF TYLERS.

1. The tyler is to be chosen by ballot by the members of the lodge, and may at any time be removed for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the lodge, and another elected in his stead.

2. He is to see that every visitor has signed his name to the attendance book before entering the lodge, and that he is provided with proper clothing.

3. If any tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting or pretended lodge of masons not being regularly constituted or not acknowledging the authority of the grand master, or not conforming to the laws of the grand lodge, he shall thereby be rendered in-

capable of ever being a tyler or attendant on a lodge, and shall be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTY.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge unless the laws of the craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with. (See "*Proposing Members.*")

2. A brother who has been concerned in making masons clandestinely or in a lodge which is not a regular lodge or for small and unworthy considerations or who may assist in forming a new lodge without the grand master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member or visitor into any regular lodge nor partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege till he make due submission and obtain grace.

3. No brother shall presume to print or publish or cause to be printed or published the proceedings of any lodge or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such lodge, without the permission of the grand master under pain of being reprimanded, suspended or expelled as the grand lodge shall determine. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a lodge or by the authority of the master, or the proceedings of any festive or public meeting at which persons not masons are permitted to attend.

4. The majority of the members present at any lodge duly summoned have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft; no member therefore shall be permitted to enter in the minute book of his lodge a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the craft and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher masonic authority.

5. If any member shall be excluded from his lodge or shall withdraw himself from it without having complied with its by-laws or with the general regulations of the craft, he shall not be eligible to visit or become a member of any other lodge until that lodge shall have been made acquainted with his former neglect, so that the brethren may be enabled to exercise their discretion as to his admission. Whenever a member of any lodge shall resign or shall be excluded, or whenever at a future time he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the lodge, and such certificate shall be produced to any other lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

6. All differences between or complaints of members that cannot be accommodated privately or in some regular lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the grand secretary to be submitted to the grand master who shall refer them to the board of general purposes or appoint a committee to investigate the same. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon and the case has been investigated the committee shall report to the grand lodge, which shall have full power to deal therewith as a majority shall determine.

7. A mason offending against any law or regulation of the craft to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached shall, at the discretion of the grand lodge or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension or, by the grand lodge only, to expulsion.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

1. A brother who may have rendered any service to the craft in general or to any particular lodge may, by a vote of the lodge, be elected an honorary member of such lodge. The lodge must include honorary members in its returns to grand lodge and pay to the grand lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

2. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting in the lodge, unless specially conferred by a vote of the lodge at a regular meeting—previous notice of intention to confer the right, and the name, residence and addition of the brother in whose case the vote is to be had having been first stated in the usual summons.

3. No brother shall be admitted an honorary member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting.

PROPOSING MEMBERS.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting, at which meeting the brother's grand lodge certificate, and also the certificate of his former lodge, are to be produced and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. When a lodge has ceased to meet any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another lodge on producing a certificate from the grand secretary stating the fact and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his quarterage duly paid.

2. Except in cases of seafaring and military men no person shall be made a mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he seeks admission or shall produce a certificate of character from the nearest lodge to the place of his previous residence, nor until he has been properly proposed at one regular meeting of the lodge, and a committee has been appointed by the worshipful master to make the necessary enquiries into the character of the candidate, nor until his name, age, addition or profession

and place of abode shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular meeting, when, after the committee have reported to the lodge, he must be balloted for, and if approved he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry.

3. No lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another lodge without the consent by a resolution of that lodge, which shall be signified in writing, unless by dispensation of the grand master, except in a town or city where there is more than one lodge, in which case each lodge has concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of each lodge extends in every direction half way to the nearest lodge.

4. In case of emergency the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed. Any two members of a lodge may transmit in writing to the master the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency, and the master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a notice to every member, appoint a committee as before provided, and at the same time summon the lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from the issuing of the summons for the purpose of balloting for the candidate, if the candidate be then approved he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry. The master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition and the emergency stated to be recorded in the minute book of the lodge.

5. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall be made a mason in any lodge, and every candidate must be a free man, and at the time of initiatian be known to be in reputable circumstances. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences and have made some progress in one or other of them, and he must at the time of his application subscribe his name at full length to a declaration of the following import, viz. :—

To the worshipful master, wardens and brethren of ——— Lodge, No. ——, ———, New Brunswick.

I, ——— ———, of the ——— of ———, in the county of ———, aged ——— years, by occupation ———, being a freeman and of mature age, do declare that unbiased by the improper solicitations of friends and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of masonry; that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution and a desire of knowledge, and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity, and I do also declare that I have —— made application for admission into any other lodge.

Witness my hand this —— day of ——, A. L. 58——.

Recommended by
———— } (Sig.)
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6. Any person who cannot write shall be ineligible to be admitted to the fraternity, and a petition having been received by a lodge cannot be withdrawn, and no person shall be made a mason or admitted a member of a lodge if on ballot three black balls appear against him, nor shall less than three black balls reject a candidate.

7. A ballot may be reconsidered once by order of the W. M. or a vote of the lodge. The ballot on the reconsideration must be taken before the lodge shall have proceeded to other business than balloting for candidates.

8. Every candidate shall on his initiation solemly promise to submit to the constitution and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the craft, and if he desire to become a member of the lodge he must sign the by-laws of the lodge on his initiation, a copy of which, together with a copy of the constitution of grand lodge shall then be presented to him.

9. A rejected candidate cannot be balloted for in the same or any

other lodge within six months from the time of his rejection.

OF THE LODGE SEAL.

1. Every lodge shall have a masonic seal to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued, and which shall be in the custody of the secretary, under the direction of the worshipful master.

2. An impression of the seal shall be sent to the grand secretary and whenever changed an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

1. No general lodge of instruction shall be holden unless under the sanction of a regular warranted lodge or by the special license and authority of the grand master. The lodge giving its sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted shall be answerable for the proceedings of such lodge of instruction and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of grand lodge.

2. Notice of the times and places of meeting of the lodges of instruction shall be given to the grand secretary.

3. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of all brethren present at each meeting and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the grand master, or lodge granting the sanction.

4. If a lodge which has given its sanction for a lodge of instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the lodge to be communicated to the lodge of instruction; provided that notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

OF VISITORS

1. No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge, unless he be per-

sonally recommended, or well vouched for, or after due examination by one or more of the brethren present and shall have entered his name, masonic rank, the name or number of his mother lodge or the lodge he hails from, in a book to be kept by every lodge for that purpose, and during his continuance in the lodge he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The master of the lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

2. No brother residing in the province and not affiliated with some lodge shall be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund for himself or family, nor to masonic burial, nor to take part in any masonic ceremony, public or private, nor to be entitled to any masonic privilege whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the craft.

OF CERTIFICATES.

1. Every brother shall be entitled to a grand lodge certificate, immediately upon being registered in the books of the grand lodge, for which certificate the lodge shall pay one dollar. Each lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the masons whom it has initiated, shall, in addition to the register fee, make a remittance of the money for the certificates.

2. Every brother to whom a grand lodge certificate is granted must sign his name on the margin thereof, in the presence of the worshipful master or the secretary of the lodge, except in case of absence from the place of meeting of his lodge, when he shall sign it in presence of the worshipful master or secretary of any duly warranted lodge, otherwise it will be invalid.

3. No brother shall obtain a grand lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the grand master.

4. Every return or other document upon which a grand lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify, not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

5. All applications for grand lodge certificates must be made to the grand secretary, and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate shall, on any account, be issued until such money has been paid.

6. No lodge shall grant a private lodge certificate to a brother, except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a grand lodge certificate, in which case such certificate shall be specifically addressed to the grand secretary, and except also such certificates as may be required by the laws of the grand lodge, or called for by any of its committees or issued to a member on retirement or exclusion from a lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing; and no lodge shall charge for a private lodge certificate.

7. Any brother who may have lost his certificate, shall be furnished with a duplicate thereof at a cost of fifty cents, by the grand secretary, upon a properly certified application by the master or secretary of his lodge.

PUBLIC AND FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.

1. No mason can be interred with the formalities of the fraternity, unless it be at his own request, nor unless he has been advanced to the degree of master mason. When the wish of the deceased shall have been communicated to the master of the lodge of which he died a member, the master shall apply to the grand master for a dispensation.

2. When a master mason from beyond the province of New Brunswick, shall die within the jurisdiction of grand lodge, the provisions of the constitution relating to deceased members of

lodges in New Brunswick shall apply as far as practicable, and any master of a lodge may take the direction of the funeral and conduct the same in all things as provided for resident brethren deceased.

3. No public procession of masons shall be allowed without permission of the grand master. In case of a masonic funeral, when the urgency of the case will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with the grand master, the worshipful master or, in his absence, the brother ruling the lodge, shall authorize and hold such masonic funeral procession and shall see that all things are conducted thereat decently and in order according to the constitution, and he shall immediately after the service report his proceedings in full to the grand master through the grand secretary.

4. In case of a masonic funeral the master may invite other lodges to attend in form, but the whole ceremony shall be under the direction of the master of the lodge to which the deceased brother belonged, or in case of a stranger brother the master of the lodge which assumes the control of the proceedings, and he is accountable for the regularity and conduct of the ceremonies. If the grand master or deputy grand master be present he may at any time take charge.

5. If any brother shall attend as a mason clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the craft at any public procession except a masonic funeral or at any public or private gathering not authorized by the constitution, without the permission of the grand master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a lodge, and also to be excluded the benefit of the general charity. And if any lodge shall so offend it shall stand suspended until the grand lodge shall determine thereon.

OF APPEAL.

1. As the grand lodge when congregated is a representative of every individual member of the fraternity it necessarily possesses a

supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the craft. Any lodge or brother therefore who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other masonic authority or jurisdiction may appeal to the grand lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of and be transmitted to the grand secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

2. Notice of all appeals must be given in writing to the grand secretary within one month from the receipt of the decision appealed against in proper and respectful language.

FEES.

The following shall be the fees payable to the grand lodge :—

For granting a new warrant, twenty-five dollars.
" " dispensation for a new lodge, fifteen dollars.
" " warrant of confirmation, ten dollars.
" " new warrant in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified, ten dollars.
For dispensation to confer a degree in less time than one month, one dollar and fifty cents.
For dispensation to initiate a person from beyond the jurisdiction of a lodge, five dollars.
For a dispensation for a public procession, except in case of a funeral (for which there shall be no charge) two dollars.
For a dispensation to make more than five masons in one evening one dollar and fifty cents for each candidate.
For a grand lodge certificate, one dollar.
For every person initiated in a lodge, one dollar registration fee.
For every entered apprentice or fellow craft joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar.
For every master mason joining from another lodge or re-joining his former lodge, fifty cents.

For every master mason joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar.

For any dispensation not provided for in this table, one dollar and fifty cents.

For every member, each lodge shall pay towards the fund for grand lodge purposes, forty cents per annum.

OF REGALIA.

1. The following masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the craft and that only, and no brother shall on any pretence be admitted into the grand lodge or any subordinate lodge without his proper clothing.

2. No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the grand lodge or any subordinate lodge which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the grand lodge.

The grand master	The compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle also irradiated.
Past grand masters	A similar jewel without the gold plate.
Deputy grand master	The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.
Past deputy grand masters	The compasses and square only.
Senior grand warden	The level.
Junior grand warden	The plumb.
Grand chaplain	A book within a triangle.
Grand treasurer	A chased key.
Grand secretary	Cross-pens with a tie.
Grand deacons	Dove and olive-branch.

Grand directors of ceremonies..Cross-rods.
Grand sword bearer.....Cross swords.
Grand organist.....A lyre.
Grand pursuivant.....Arms of the grand lodge with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the grand chaplain, treasurer, secretary, deacons, directors of ceremonies, sword bearer, organist and pursuivant, are to be within a circle with an embossed wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

The jewel of a grand steward of the grand lodge is a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle, on which is engraven, "Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

Grand tyler.....The sword in a circle on which is engraven "The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick; Grand Tyler."

All the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

Masters of lodges.....The square.
Past masters.....The square and the diagram of the 47th prob. 1st book Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.
Senior warden.....The level.
Junior warden.....The plumb.
Chaplain.....A book on a triangle.
Treasurer.....The key.
Secretary.....The cross pens.
Deacons.....The dove.
Director of ceremonies.....The cross rods.
Organist.....The lyre.
Inner guard.....The cross swords.
Stewards.....The cornucopia.

Tyler.....The sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

COLLARS.

Of lodges.....To be light-blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver chain be used it must be placed over the light-blue ribbon.

Of the grand lodge.....To be of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad and bound with gold lace.

The grand stewards of the year to wear collars of crimson four inches broad, bound with silver lace.

All past grand officers, except past grand masters (who are entitled to wear chains), to wear the collars of their late offices, but without the pendant jewel—a similar but smaller jewel in enamel, being worn on the breast.

APRONS.

Entered Apprentice.....A plain white lamb-skin from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament, white strings.

Fellow craft.....A plain white lamb-skin similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master mason.....The same with sky-blue lining and edging one and a half inch deep and an additional rosette on the fall or flap and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be

	allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in silver or white in the centre of the apron.
The masters and past masters of lodges,	To wear in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the master's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each and of the perpendicular lines one inch, these emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron, or of silver. If grand officers similar emblems of garter blue or gold.
Grand stewards, present and past.	Aprons of the same dimensions lined with crimson, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassals.
Grand officers of the grand lodge, past and present	Aprons of the same dimensions lined with garter-blue, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels with the emblems of their offices in gold or blue in the centre.

The apron of the grand master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pome-

granate and lotus with the seven eared wheat at each corner and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery, the fringe of gold bullion.

The apron of the deputy grand master to have the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the centre and the pomegranate and the lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

In the grand lodge and at great ceremonials and festivals, where the grand officers appear in their official capacities, the actual grand officers wear chains of gold or metal gilt, instead of collars; but upon all other occasions collars of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered or plain.

Past grand officers of the grand lodge are, in the grand lodge or at any great ceremonial or festival, to wear embroidered collars and in private lodges, collars either embroidered or plain.

OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

Every application for a warrant to hold a new lodge must be by petition to the grand master, signed by at least seven regularly registered masons; and the lodges to which they formerly belonged must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the nearest lodge and be transmitted to the grand secretary, to be submitted to the grand master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the grand master may issue a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a lodge until a warrant of constitution shall be granted by the grand lodge.

The following is the form of petition:—

"*To the M. W. Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:*

"We, the undersigned, being regular registered masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art, and for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good

reasons, we are desirous of forming a new lodge to be named ——; in consequence of this desire we pray for a warrant of constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular lodge at ——, in the county of ——, on the —— of every month, and there to discharge the duties of masonry in a constitutional manner according to the forms of the order and the laws of the grand lodge, and we have nominated and do recommend brother [A. B.] to be the first master, brother [C. D.] to be the first senior warden and brother [E. F.] to be the first junior warden of the said lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the grand master and the laws and regulations of the grand lodge."

In order to avoid irregularities, every new lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the grand master, with his deputy and wardens, or in the absence of the grand master, by his deputy, who shall choose some master of a lodge to assist him. If both these officers be absent the grand master may appoint some other grand officer or master of a lodge to act as deputy *pro tempore*.

The following is the manner of constituting a new lodge according to the ancient usages of masons :—

A lodge is duly formed and after prayer an ode in honor of masonry is sung. The grand master is then informed by the grand secretary or acting grand secretary, that the brethren present desire to be formed into a new lodge, etc.

The minutes of the lodge, while under dispensation, are likewise read and being approved, are declared regular and valid and signed by the grand master. The grand master then enquires if the brethren approve of the officers who are nominated in the warrant to preside over them. This being signified in masonic form an oration on the nature and designs of the institution may be delivered. The lodge is then consecrated according to ceremonies proper and usual on those occasions, but not proper to be written, and the grand master constitutes the lodge in ancient form.

The candidates or the new master and wardens being yet among the brethren, the grand master asks his deputy if he hath examined them and found the candidate-master well skilled in the noble science and royal art and duly instructed in our mysteries, etc. The deputy answering in the affirmative, he shall, by the grand master's order, take the candidate from among his fellows and present him to the grand master saying, "Most Worshipful Grand Master, I present this my worthy brother to be installed master of the lodge, whom I know to be of good morals and great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole fraternity wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth."

Then the grand master, placing the candidate upon his left hand, having asked and obtained the unanimous consent of all the brethren, shall say: "I appoint you the master of this lodge, not doubting your capacity and care to preserve the cement of the lodge," etc., with some other expressions that are proper and usual on that occasion, but not proper to be written.

Upon this the deputy shall rehearse the charges and regulations of a master, and the grand master shall ask the candidate, saying: "Do you submit to these charges and promise to uphold these regulations as masters have done in all ages?" The candidate shall signify his cordial submission thereto, and the grand master shall by certain significant ceremonies and ancient usages install him and present him with the book of constitution, the lodge book and the instruments of his office, one after another, and after each of them the grand master or his deputy shall rehearse the short charge suitable to the article presented.

After this the members of the new lodge, bowing all together to the grand master, shall return him thanks and immediately do their homage to their new master and signify their promise of subjection and obedience to him by the usual congratulation.

The deputy and the grand wardens, and any other brethren present who are not members of the new lodge, shall next congratu

late the new master, and he shall return his acknowledgment to the grand master first and to the rest in their order.

Then the grand master desires the new master to enter immediately upon the exercise of his office in naming his wardens, and the new master calling forth the two brothers, presents them to the grand master for his approbation. That being granted the senior or junior grand warden shall rehearse the charges of wardens, and the candidates being solemnly asked by the new master shall signify their submission thereto.

Upon which the new master shall present them with the instruments of their office and induct them in due form in their proper places, and the brethren shall signify their obedience to the new wardens by the usual congratulation. The other elected officers of the lodge, and those appointed, are then invested in ancient form.

The lodge being thus completely constituted shall be registered in the grand master's book and by his order notified to the other lodges.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

SEPTEMBER 28th, 29th and 30th, 1870.

The third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 28th day of September, A. L. 5869, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS, ... Grand Master.
R. W. ROBRT T. CLINCH, ... Past Grand Master.
R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN, ... Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON. . . . . Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. WM. P. FLEWELLING, . . Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. JAMES ROBERTSON, ... do. do.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS, ... Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN, ... Past Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. WM. DONALD, D. D...Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS, . . . Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING, ... Grand Secretary.
W. DAVID MAIN, ... Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN WILLIS, ... Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS IRVING, ... Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL, ... Grand Dir. Ceremonies.

W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Past Grand Dir. Ceremonies
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Ass't G. D. Ceremonies.
W. S. WRIGHT GOLDING,..as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,...Grand Pursuivant.
W. MARK N. POWERS,.....Grand Steward.
W. JOHN L. HARRIS,..... do.
W. S. CRANE CHARTERS,..... do.
W. GEORGE L. TAYLOR,..... do.
W. ISAAC W. DOHERTY,..... do.

The grand lodge was opened in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

It was moved by W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. D.C., and

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication be dispensed with, the same having been printed and in the hands of the brethren.

The committee on credentials, W. Bros. Jos. C. Hatheway, D. R. Munro and David Brown, reported the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz.: –

Albion Lodge, No. 1,.....B. Lester Peters.
Robert T. Clinch.
Charles D. Thomson.
Thomas M. Reed.
Christopher Murray.
Thomas N. Robertson.
James Robertson.
George F. Keans.
Wm. W. Emslie.
C. A. Robertson.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,.....William Wedderburn.
Wm. H. Sinnott.
Wm. H. A. Keans.
Wm. F. Bunting.
John D. Short.
Jos. C. Hatheway.
Henry G. Hunt.
R. Sands Armstrong.
Wm. J. Davidson.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,.....Wm. J. Logan.
John Mullin.
Mark N. Powers.
James McNichol.
David Martin.
John Johnston.

Sussex Lodge, No. 4,.....Alfred E. Oulton.
S. Crane Charters.
Stephen W. Palmer.

Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5,.....Benjamin R. Stevenson.
George F. Stickney.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,.....Harry Beckwith.
John Richards.
Harris Allan.
Adolphus G. Beckwith.

Sussex Lodge, No. 7,.....S. Wright Golding.
David Brown.
David Main.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,....Uriah Drake.
Charles Ketchum.
John V. Ellis.
Edwin J. Wetmore.

Richard N. Knight.
Henry Leonard.
Samuel L. Brittain.
Henry Card.
Isaac J. Olive, Jr.
Joseph Dunham.

Midian Lodge, No. 9,.....Wm. P. Flewelling.
Samuel Foster.
Ernest P. Flewelling.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, William C. Morissey.
Rev. Wm. Donald, D. D.
Robert Marshall.
David R. Munro.
Thomas H. Keohan.
Robert M. Stevens.

Woodstock Lodge, No. 11,.....Wm. F. Dibblee.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 13,.....George L. Taylor.

Howard Lodge, No. 15,.....John A. Beatty.
Rufus Palmer.

Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16,.....Isaac W. Doherty.
Joseph Wetmore.
Charles Carr.
James C. Moody.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19,.....Asaph G. Blakslee.
John Willis.
Edward Willis.
Alfred A. Stockton.
Charles A. Stockton.
Israel S. Gross.
Henry J. Thorne.

Zion Lodge, No. 21,.....Joseph McMonagle.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,..Wm. G. McFarlane.
James McNichol, Jr.
William R. Russell.
William McNichol.
Wm. G. Matthewson.
John S. Jordan.

Keith Lodge, No. 23,.....Bliss Botsford.
John L. Harris.

Zetland Lodge, No. 24,.....Chipman W. Smith.
Thomas Irving.
Duncan S. Harper.

Victoria Lodge, No. 26,.....David Main.
James H. Smith.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered his annual address, as follows:—

Brethren of Grand Lodge,

We assemble to enter upon the duties and responsibilities of the third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Our review of the past affords encouragement in the present and gives good hope for the future. At home our lodges flourish and are prosperous and from abroad we receive renewed assurances of fraternal interest in our organization.

It is my privilege to make the gratifying announcement to you that since the last annual communication fraternal intercourse has been established between this grand lodge and the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, as well as the Grand Masonic Lodge of Ireland. These grand bodies that we regard with peculiar affection and reverence as the parent grand lodges under whose fostering care freemasonry was established in this province, have, after careful consideration of the circumstances which called for the erection of this grand lodge, welcomed us cordially into the sisterhood of grand lodges, conveying the fraternal recognition in most gratifying terms of

approval of our action as correct in procedure and as evincing a true masonic spirit.

From the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland no communications have been received in acknowledgment of, or in reply to, the memorials forwarded. As there are two lodges in this province still working under warrant from that body, I recommend to grand lodge that a final application be made to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to withdraw the warrants issued to their lodges. I make this recommendation because while I am of opinion that no lodge that does not submit to the grand lodge should be permitted to exist within this jurisdiction, yet that every fraternal endeavor should be made to induce voluntary submission before proceeding to the exercise of discipline.

I have appointed as representatives of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, M. W. Brother Past Grand Master Bernard near the Grand Lodge of Canada; R. W. Brother Brackstone Baker near the Grand Lodge of England: R. W. Brother J. N. Castle near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota; R. W. Brother George F. Gouley near the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

In accordance with resolution of grand lodge at the last annual communication a warrant was issued to brethren at Milltown, in the county of Charlotte, and a lodge called "Victoria Lodge" was duly erected there.

In consequence of the sudden and much lamented death of the worthy Brother Poole, named in the petition and warrant as intended master of the new lodge, it became necessary to appoint some brother to take charge of the lodge as master. I granted dispensation therefor to W. Brother David Main, Past Master of Sussex Lodge. No. 7, who, at the request of the brethren of Victoria Lodge, kindly undertook the duties of the chair. Other engagements preventing my presence, I deputed R. W. Brother David Brown, Past Grand Warden and Past Master of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, who duly constituted the Victoria Lodge according to ancient usage. His report to me I have pleasure in placing before grand lodge.

St. Stephen, N. B., 22nd January, 1870.

Dear Sir and V. W. Brother,—The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Masons having given me, under his hand dated the 17th instant, authority to erect and constitute Victoria Lodge, No. 26, at Milltown, St. Stephen, I have now the honor of reporting my action in the matter.

On Tuesday the 18th January, instant, I visited Milltown and having opened a lodge in form and caused the warrant to be read, I, by virtue of the authority vested in me, erected and constituted Victoria Lodge, No. 26, at said Milltown,

under warrant from the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, in conformity with the rites of our order and the constitution of said grand lodge.

The brethren of Victoria Lodge, No. 26, having consented to the appointment of Bro. David Main as master—in place of Bro. Poole named in the warrant, now deceased—and having caused the dispensation issued by the M. W. Grand Master for that purposes, to be read and recorded, I then duly installed W. Bro. David Main, master of said Victoria Lodge.

W. Bro. Main then installed the wardens named in the warrant, and appointed and installed his other officers.

I am, dear sir, truly and fraternally yours,

DAVID BROWN,
P. M., No. 7.

To V. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting,
Grand Secretary, St. John.

I am glad to assure grand lodge that the new lodge is in a highly prosperous condition and will, I believe, be an honored addition to the lodges in this jurisdiction.

During the year I made official visitation to Zetland Lodge, Shediac; Sussex Lodge, Dorchester; Solomon's Lodge, Fredericton; Midian Lodge, Clifton; and the several lodges in the City of Saint John.

Having received an invitation from the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York to be present on the 8th of June last at the laying of the corner stone of a proposed masonic temple in the City of New York, I had great pleasure in taking part in the interesting ceremonies, which were most ably and effectively conducted under the direction of the M. W. Bro. James Gibson, then grand master. There was a great gathering of the craft from all parts of the State of New York. The brethren in procession numbered, as estimated, upwards of 15,000. I had the gratification of meeting many distinguished brethren visitors from sister jurisdictions.

A serious question involving the important subject of masonic sovereignty has arisen within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It is a matter of general interest affecting the authority of every independent grand lodge.

In placing the memorials, circulars and documents addressed to the several grand lodges and which have been received at the office of the grand secretary in this jurisdiction, before you, I ask your careful and thoughtful investigation of the whole question. All consideration of expediency it is your duty to put aside; the grave responsibility rests on you of determining, so far as this jurisdiction is concerned, upon the very right of this important matter.

In the month of October last, at the City of Montreal at a convention of lodges, it was resolved to erect an independent grand lodge for the Province of Quebec and the body so formed claims to be recognized as the duly and legally constituted masonic authority in that province.

The Grand Lodge of Canada recognized by all grand lodges in the masonic world and claiming jurisdiction over the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, protests against the recognition of the so called grand lodge of Quebec, and asserts its right to exclusive masonic government over the Province of Quebec as occupied masonic territory.

The question then upon which several grand lodges are called on to pronounce is, first, the right of the lodges in Quebec to erect an independent grand lodge, then, if the right exists, whether or not their proceeding in the organization has been regular and according to masonic usage.

It is manifestly necessary to determine first, as to the right to establish an independent grand lodge, for if the right does not exist and is not inherent in the lodges acting in the formation, no formality of procedure, no unanimity of action, no preponderance of numbers, no individual or collective weight or importance to be attached to the component parts of the convention, can avail to give vitality to the new body.

I have considered this question by the light of what is called "American Masonic Jurisprudence," relating to the formation of grand lodges, because the new body claims to have followed American precedent.

The learned and W. Bro. Mackey, in his "Masonic Jurisprudence" Book 5, under title "The Nature of a Grand Lodge," lays down certain rules as necessary to be observed in the organization of a grand lodge, in a territory wherein no such body has previously existed. He asserts that such a territory is common ground and that it is competent for any grand lodge to grant a warrant of constitution and establish a lodge in such unoccupied territory on the petition of a requisite number of masons. Each grand lodge in such case exercising jurisdiction over the lodge or lodges it has established, but not over the territory. When the subordinate lodges desires to organize a grand lodge and take possession of the territory, they meet by lodges in convention and erect a grand lodge. At page 424 he says: "The grand lodge thus formed, by the union of not less than three lodges in convention,' other jurists contend that a majority of the lodges working in the

territory is required) "at once assumes all the prerogatives of a grand lodge and acquires exclusive masonic jurisdiction over the territory within whose geographical limits it has been constituted. No lodge can continue to exist or be subsequently established in the territory except under its authority.

To the same effect is the authority of Chase in his "Digest of Masonic Law," 6th Edition, page 15, "The usual mode of organizing a new grand lodge is in substance as follows: A certain number of lodges, not less than three, holding charters or warrants from some legal grand lodge, or from different grand lodges meet in convention by their representatives, formally resolve to organize a grand lodge." Page 16, "It is necessary that it be a separate state or territory; that there be no grand lodge at that time existing within it."

The R. W. Bro. Robert Macoy in his valuable work lately issued, "The General History, Cyclopedia and Dictionary of Freemasonry," at page 160 under the title "Organization of Grand Lodges," says: "In a country or state where there is no grand lodge, three or more legal lodges may meet in convention and organize a grand lodge."

W. Bro. Luke A. Lockwood in his "Masonic Law and Practice," chapter 2, under the heading "Of the Grand Lodge," at section 4, asserts: "A grand lodge may be established in any unoccupied territory by the representatives of not less than three regular lodges located therein, upon due notice of the assembly for that purpose being given to all regular lodges situated therein, and all being permitted to be represented in such assembly." And in a note to that section the W. Bro. says: "By unoccupied territory is meant, territory in which no grand lodge is located, and which is, therefore, common ground for all grand lodges."

Grand lodges in the United States and in American territories—the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and our own grand lodge—were erected on this masonic law and usage so recognized and established.

It cannot be successfully contended that the organization of a Grand Lodge for Quebec is justified by the rules above referred to, for the plain reason that there was an existing independent grand lodge, and that the Province of Quebec was and is within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Lodge of Canada was organized in 1855 at a convention of lodges from both of the old Provinces of "Upper Canada" and "Lower Canada," then existing with defined and distinct territorial

boundaries as "Canada East" and "Canada West," though united under one legislature. The representatives from lodges that existed in "Canada East" and in "Canada West" holding warrants from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, met at the City of Hamilton and united in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and established one masonic government which included Canada East (now Quebec) and Canada West (now Ontario.) The Grand Lodge of Canada so duly organized, was recognized by grand lodges in the United States and after much correspondence by the grand lodges in Great Britain and is now in fraternal communication with all existing grand lodges. The territory so comprising Canada East and Canada West, now Quebec and Ontario, was a masonic jurisdiction into which no grand lodge in the world could send a warrant for the establishment of a new lodge. It matters not that by an arrangement between the grand lodges in Great Britain and the Grand Lodge of Canada, lodges already working, and that did not join in erecting the new grand lodge, were permitted by the Grand Lodge of Canada to continue their work in her territory. However injudicious such permission might be it could not alter the status of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the very fact that the grand lodges in the mother country recognized the independent Grand Lodge of Canada and exchanged representatives with it, clearly admitted the right of the Grand Lodge of Canada to the exclusive government of the jurisdiction and yielded all right to erect new lodges. The position of the lodges working by sufferance of the Grand Lodge of Canada within the new jurisdiction was changed, and no power would remain with any such lodge to unite with other lodges in the attempt to erect a new grand lodge within the territory of the Grand Lodge of Canada; but such an act if attempted would be so in violation of the terms upon which the lodges were permitted to continue their work as to forfeit at once all privileges under the favor extended to them. There would be therefore no lodges entitled to act in the organization of a new grand lodge within the occupied masonic territory; surely lodges holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada could not, without being guilty of an act of rebellion; and lodges working under English or Scotch warrants could not, as it would be in violation of the spirit of the agreement under which they were tolerated.

It must, I think, therefore, be admitted that the Province of Quebec was not "unoccupied masonic territory," within the meaning of the authorities quoted, at the time of the attempted organization of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

It is, however, asserted that there is another rule of American masonic jurisprudence which does justify the organization of an independent Grand Lodge for Quebec, that may be thus stated: "That grand lodge jurisdictions are co-terminus with political boundaries and that when a new territory or state is created by legislative enactment out of what had theretofore existed as one government, it is open to the lodges working in the new territory to form an independent grand lodge." Without occupying your attention by discussing whether this can be called a rule of general application justified by masonic law and usage, or entering upon the much debated question as to whether or not a recognized masonic jurisdiction can be affected by outside legislative enactment, I pass on to consider whether such rule, if admitted, would justify the action of our Quebec brethren in the formation of a grand lodge.

As I understand such a rule there must be a new territory formed by taking a part out of and from old limits, so that no doubt can arise as to which part is entitled to erect the new grand lodge. It has been so in all the cases in the history of American grand lodges where in a new territory a grand lodge has been erected. Surely no masonic jurist would contend that any outside legislative enactment could dissolve a masonic organization or effect a political change that would give to both parts of a divided territory the right to organize a new grand lodge and so determine the existence of and sweep away a recognized independent organization.

Let us then consider for a moment the history of the provinces now called "Quebec" and "Ontario." Prior to the year 1840 there were two distinct British Provinces called "Upper Canada" and "Lower Canada," in each of which there existed lodges holding warrants from England, Ireland or Scotland, and governed by local provincial grand lodges. By an Act of the Imperial Parliament in 1840, a legislative union was effected, but the distinction between the provinces was preserved, the one being called "Canada West" the other "Canada East," and although there was but one legislature for both divisions yet laws were from time to time passed affecting each separate divisional district of Canada known as "East" and "West." The lodges continued to work as before, under the separate local masonic authorities from the time of the legislative union, in 1840, up to the time when, in 1855, lodges from both Canada East and Canada West united in the formation of a the Grand Lodge of Canada. By an Act of the Imperial Parliament, which took effect on the first of July, 1867, the Dominion of Canada

was formed which united Canada East, called "Quebec," Canada West, called "Ontario," Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The inter-provincial boundaries remained as before, but the local legislatures, with limited powers, were restored to the former upper and lower Canadian provinces, now called Ontario and Quebec, and a general parliament established for the whole Dominion. What had been originally Upper Canada, afterwards Canada West, was named "Ontario," and what had been originally Lower Canada, afterwards Canada East, was named "Quebec." No new territory was formed, and the Grand Lodge of Canada continued to hold and exercise jurisdiction over the lodges in Ontario and Quebec, and the lodges in both provinces continued to be represented in the Grand Lodge of Canada. If under these facts lodges in Quebec can form an independent grand body, lodges in Ontario can do so likewise. Quebec can have no right that Ontario has not, and the Grand Lodge of Canada with its recognized position, its distinguished and eminent membership and its honorable records, can be deprived of its territory and swept from the sisterhood of grand lodges.

I hold that if the lodges of two political divisions, in each of which an independent grand lodge could have been established, elect to come together in convention and unite in creating one masonic government extending over both such divisions, no severance of the masonic jurisdiction so formed can be made except by resolution within the grand lodge so established. This I think is the position of Quebec and Ontario. Change of name is of no importance; they were actually separate and distinct divisions at the time the lodges of each came together and erected the Grand Lodge of Canada. The separate divisions have been always recognized; grand lodge by vote being convened one year in Canada East (now Quebec) another year in Canada West (now Ontario). A grand master elected at one time from one district and then from the other. The Dominion Act of 1867 made no such territorial change as to alter existing boundaries, it merely restored a local legislature that the separate districts had before enjoyed.

I am of opinion then, that even judged by what is called the "American Rule," there was no right in the lodges that assembled in convention at Quebec in October last to organize an independent grand lodge, *first*, because the territory was already occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and *secondly*, because no new territory had been formed. If you should agree with me in the opinion I entertain it is unnecessary to discuss the *mode* of proceeding; but if you should be of opinion that the *right* existed, it will then be your duty to enquire whether the

Quebec movement has been conducted according to established form and usage.

I have considered it my duty to express to you my opinion that the so called Grand Lodge of Quebec should not be recognized. I place all the documents received from both sides before you and I ask your careful study and investigation of this important question. I can readily understand and appreciate that the sympathy of this grand lodge will be with the Quebec brethren ; that they will, perhaps, be looked on by you as striving for the management of their local masonic affairs, and your own success in establishing this grand lodge now holding only its *third* annual communication will naturally lead you to wish our Quebec brethren success in their effort. But my brothers you must not allow yourselves to be influenced in a matter of this importance by any considerations other than those of masonic right and law. The circumstances under which our grand lodge was formed can be no precedent for the action of Quebec. We were rather in the position that the Quebec masons were when they united in the erection of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The great doctrine of masonic grand lodge sovereignity is on its trial, and I trust that the result will prove that constitutional rules cannot be infringed with impunity. Each grand lodge has its duty in this matter, let us therefore carefully consider and calmly discuss the whole question that we may arrive at a correct decision.

Great diversity of opinion has been expressed among eminent members of the fraternity in sister jurisdictions upon tne Quebec question. I have carefully read the published communications on the subject,and it has appeared to me that too much reference is made to the proposed settlement of the difference by a recognition of a Grand Lodge of Quebec for the sake of peace. A peace purchased at the expense of masonic principle and right can not be productive of ultimate good. Indeed if such an argument (if it may be called an argument) is to prevail, all ancient landmarks may be ultimately swept away.

The expediency of yielding to the wishes of the masons of Quebec and permitting the organization of a grand lodge for that province is a question for the consideration of the Grand Lodge of Canada alone. With that we having nothing to do. In the Grand Lodge of Canada alone can the desirability of dividing the jurisdiction and erecting a Grand Lodge of Quebec and a Grand Lodge of Ontario be discussed and resolved on. There, if separation is thought expedient, the terms can be arranged. But the lodges of either province are in my opinion powerless legally to establish an independent Grand Lodge without the

action of the Grand Lodge of Canada which they united to erect and to whose masonic government they equally owe allegiance.

I hope that during the coming year the differences now unhappily existing may, within the body of the Grand Lodge of Canada itself, be reconciled and adjusted. I am confident that the eminent brothers who ably manage the affairs of that Grand Lodge, while holding firmly to masonic law and precedent, will meet every effort toward an amicable settlement of this grave difference in a true masonic spirit; and, if submission were made, would within the Grand Lodge of Canada discuss the desirability of dividing the territory and make such decision of the question as would restore harmony to the craft in each province; and I feel assured that I express the opinion of this Grand Lodge when I say, that if it is possible for us as brethren in this Dominion to assist in restoring harmony, it would afford us as a body and as individuals the greatest satisfaction.

In the mean time, putting aside all questions of expediency, I leave the important matter of Masonic right and law for your decision, satisfied that you will not act hastily, but that you will calmly enter on the consideration of a question so important to the best interests of our ancient and honored fraternity.

I have pleasure in announcing to you that the masonic hall, the corner stone of which was laid on the 30th July, 1869, is now completed, and I have received a request from Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, to dedicate the lodge room according to ancient usage at this session of grand lodge. Having had the honor of laying the corner stone of the building, it is a great personal satisfaction to me to dedicate the hall to masonic purposes, before retiring from the distinguished position of grand master of this jurisdiction. I have appointed this evening for the solemn services of dedication and I am confident that, on an occasion so interesting to the craft, I shall have the assistance of a large gathering of the fraternity. The masonic zeal and liberality displayed by the members of Carleton Union Lodge, in building for themselves a masonic hall, is worthy of all commendation, and while the brethren from the eastern side of the harbor evince, by a large attendance at the ceremonies of dedication, their sympathy with Carleton Union Lodge in the completion of the undertaking, I trust the example set by our brethren in Carleton will not be without effect; but that the lodges in this part of the city will proceed without further delay in the necessary and important work of erecting a masonic temple.

While we have much cause for congratulation in our retrospect of

the year, we are not without the shadow that darkens the pathway. On the third of February last, our eminent and venerable Bro. the Right Worshipful Alexander Balloch, full of years and honors, entered into rest. During a long, active and useful life, he deservedly won the respect of his fellow-citizens, maintaining the dignified character of his masonic profession.

In his early manhood a zealous, active mason, he attained in his riper years to the highest honors of the fraternity, ruling the craft with wisdom and kindness in the distinguished position of Provincial Grand Master and representative in this province of the M. W. Grand Master of England. His is a life-long record of exertion for the welfare of our ancient craft, always so near to his heart. When prevented by lingering and distressing illness from taking active part in masonic work, this grand lodge, at its organization, conferred on him the honorary rank of a Past Grand Master. At the ripe age of 70 years, our venerable brother passed to his reward, leaving to us a bright example and with us that remembrance among masons which is the crowning honor of a master's work.

Brethren of grand lodge, at the close of the third year in which I have had the honor of presiding over your deliberations and the great responsibility of the grand master's chair, I resign the gavel with the expression of my warmest acknowledgments to you all for the consideration, courtesy, support and assistance with which you have surrounded and sustained me. I entered on the duties of the "East" with many misgivings. I retire from the distinguished office of grand master with the consciousness of having endeavored to do my duty to the craft. If I have won the approbation of my brethren, I enjoy the highest satisfaction.

It was moved by the R. W, Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as alludes to the death of the R. W. Bro. Balloch, be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

Whereupn the following were appointed such committee: R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Senior Grand Warden and W. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

It was moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, A. G. D. C.

That the portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address referring to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be referred to a special committee to report on at this communication.

In amendment, it was moved by W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. D. C.

That the committee report at the next annual communication.

On call of question, the amendment was agreed to.

The R. W. Robert T. Clinch presented his credentials as representative of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of England;

Whereupon, grand lodge was called up and the R. W. Bro. Clinch received as such representative and saluted with the usual masonic honors.

The V. W. the grand secretary submitted his annual report as follows:—

To the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:—

In accordance with the requirements of the constitution, the grand secretary herewith submits his annual report, as follows:—

Immediately after the close of the last annual communication he, as per order of the grand lodge, addressed a circular to the respective lodges, relative to the amount each would be willing to contribute towards a grand lecturer's fund. Replies were received from lodges, Nos. 2, 5, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23 and 24. Nos. 2 and 10 deferred action for three months, but have not communicated any further information. Nos. 5, 17 and 19, from inability and other causes could not contribute and Nos. 11, 16, 18, 23 and 24 promised contributions ranging from $12 to $50. The grand secretary has reason to believe that the apparent apathy of the lodges arose from want of information—questions having been asked him as to the sum of money required, the brother to be selected to fill the important office, the time he would give to each lodge in imparting instruction, the particular regulations under which he would act, etc. To these questions he was unable to give definite replies, in consequence of the mover of the resolution in grand lodge, not having embodied in it any scheme; he has, however,

no hesitation in stating that, if a proper plan be matured and ful information given, the lodges will bear a fair proportion of the expense. It is an important matter to the prosperity and well-being of the craft in the jurisdiction and merits the careful consideration of grand lodge. In this connection, he would state that several lodges, during the year, have engaged the services of one of our best informed instructors and contributed the expense from their private funds.

The new edition of the constitution was issued in due time, under the direction of the board of general purposes. Of the two thousand copies printed, a sufficient number was ordered and paid for by the lodges to more than cover the cost of publication, while there are still on hand some one hundred and eighty copies in covers and three hundred and twenty-five in sheets; for future disposal.

The receipts of the grand secretary's office during the past year have been $1.620 48, from the following sources—

Registration Fees,	$287 00
Certificates,	262 50
Annual Dues,	634 60
Dispensations for Degrees, etc.,	87 00
Constitutions and Proceedings,	133 60
New Warrant,	25 00
Warrants to replace those surrendered,	4 00
Blank Demits,	3 00
Postages,	6 55
On Acct., previous years,	177 23
Total,	$1,620 48

Which amount has been paid to the grand treasurer, as will appear by his report and a detailed statement has been furnished the board of general purposes.

All the lodges have made their returns complete up to the close of the year 1869 and have paid all claims of grand lodge against them; and it affords the grand secretary great gratification to state that there is not a single lodge against which he has an account. This speaks well for the promptness and attention of the secretaries.

The returns of the lodges for 1869, filed in his office exhibit the following statistics:—

Number Initiated,	259
" Passed,	252

Number Raised,		254
"	Joined,	45
"	Re-instated,	3
"	Withdrawn,	103
"	Died,	12
"	Suspended,	19
"	Excluded,	17
Total number of Members,		1593

During the past year two petitions were received for warrants for new lodges, viz:—For Prince of Wales Lodge, at Bright, in the County of York, recommended by Solomon's Lodge, No. 6; and Lebanon Lodge at Sackville, in the County of Westmorland, recommended by Sussex Lodge, No. 4.

Under the direction of the M. W. Grand Master, the grand secretary corresponded with the brethren forwarding these petitions and enquired as to the ability of the petitioners to provide themselves with suitable places of meeting and the necessary pharaphernalia for properly conducting the work and general affairs of the lodges. The M. W. Grand Master also required the assurance that the masters and wardens named in the petitions were qualified to work and exemplify the ritual established by grand lodge. The petitioners having failed to communicate the required information on these points, the petitions remain on file in the grand secretary's office awaiting future action.

The dispensations issued under the authority of the M. W. Grand Master during the past year, number forty-five, for the following purposes:—

To confer degrees at short periods,	31
To bury deceased brethren,	4
To wear regalia in public,	8
To confer degrees on a serving brother,	1
To authorize W. Bro. D. Main to assume the chair of Victoria Lodge in consequence of the death of Bro. Poole named as W. M. in the warrant issued to the lodge....	

The steel plate for certificates ordered from Mr. George Aikman, engraver of Edinburgh, Scotland, which was executed under supervision of R. W. Brother Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, has been satisfactorily completed, and one thousand impressions on parchment duly received. Grand lodge is undoubtedly indebted to Bro. Hay for his attention in this respect, and for the

care and judgement exercised by him in carrying out the requirements of the committee of the board of general purposes.

Since the reception of the certificates the grand secretary has issued four hundred and seventy-one to the several lodges.

Five hundred copies of the proceedings of the last annual communication of grand lodge were ordered to be printed. Two copies were forwarded to each grand lodge, and six to each private lodge. But few copies have been sold. There remain on hand two hundred and seventeen copies.

The following lodges have, up to the present time, failed to forward copies of their by-laws for approval, viz:—No. 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 20 and 24. Only three or four have sent in impressons of their seals.

The grand secretary has received copies of the proceedings of nearly all sister grand lodges in the United States, also of Canada, Nova Scotia and England, and the Bulletin and Calender of the Grand Orient of France.

He has also received from the grand lodge of Colorado, Vol. 1, of the reprint of its proceedings from 1861, the date of organization, to 1869.

From the grand lodge of New Hampshire, Vol. 2, reprint of proceedings from 1842 to 1856.

From R. W. Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, the editor and proprietor, the monthly issues of "The Freemason," published at St. Louis, Missouri.

From Bro. Leon Hyneman, "The Mason's Home Book," issued monthly at Philadelphia.

The grand secretary has suitably acknowledged the reception of the foregoing.

Notices have been filed for proposed amendments to the book of constitution, viz:—

From W. Bro. W. F. Dibble, P. M., Lodge No. 11, to amend Sec. 6, Page 59, "Proposing Members," to read as follows:—

"Any person who cannot write shall be ineligible to be admitted to the fraternity and a petition having been received by a lodge cannot be withdrawn, and no person shall be made a mason or admitted a member of a lodge if, on ballot, one black ball appear against him."

From W. Bros. A. Stronach and Thomas Irving, P. M's., Lodge No. 24, to amend as follows:—

Page 57, section 2, after the words "except in cases of" add "ministers of the gospel."

Page 57, section 3, before the words "No lodge shall" insert "Except in cases of ministers of the gospel."

From W. Bro. John V. Ellis, Past G. D. Ceremonies, the following amendment:

Page 44, section 16, to erase the following:—"Every lodge rejecting a candidate shall forthwith notify every lodge in the province of such rejection by a sealed notice."

Credentials have been received during the past year by several brethren accrediting them as representatives of sister grand lodges, as follows:—

R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, from England.

W. Bro. John V. Ellis, from Canada.

R. W. Bro. James Robertson, from Nebraska.

W. Bro. Charles Ketchum, from Minnesota.

V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, from Missouri.

These brethren will, no doubt, present their credentials in due form at the present communication.

The grand secretary begs to suggest the advisability of issuing an order to the several private lodges, requiring them to furnish copies of their warrants. Many contingencies may arise by which a warrant might be lost or destroyed and it is highly important that copies of them should be entered in a register to remedy such an occurrence, by providing for the furnishing a proper duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

St. John, 28th September, 1870.

William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Cash from	Albion Lodge,	No. 1,	$122 00
"	St. John's,	" 2,	91 10
"	Hibernia,	" 3,	107 60
"	Sussex,	" 4,	55 20
"	Saint Mark's,	" 5,	55 10
"	Solomon's,	" 6,	88 30
"	Sussex,	" 7,	70 38
"	Carleton Union,	" 8,	103 16
"	Midian,	" 9,	18 08
"	Union of Portland (2 yrs.)	" 10,	208 80
"	Woodstock,	" 11,	51 40

"	Saint George,	" 12,	48 20	
"	Corinthian,	" 13,	21 28	
"	Alley,	" 14,	86 90	
"	Howard,	" 15,	40 96	
"	Saint Andrew,	" 16,	63 44	
"	Northumberland,	" 17,	27 40	
"	Miramichi,	" 18,	35 06	
"	Leinster,	" 19,	47 70	
"	Salisbury,	" 20,	23 60	
"	Zion,	" 21,	39 10	
"	New Brunswick,	" 22,	70 50	
"	Keith,	" 23,	23 56	
"	Zetland,	" 24,	23 11	
"	Restigouche,	" 25,	48 45	
"	Victoria,	" 26,	36 50	
Received for constitutions and proceedings,..			13 60	
Balance from last year's account,.....			122 18	
				$1,742 66

1870.

February 2,	By Cash paid Grand Treasr.,		$500 00	
February 4,	do.	do.	400 00	
August 30,	do.	do.	500 00	
Sept. 12,	do.	do.	342 66	
				$1,742 66

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

Saint John, N. B., 12th Sept. 1870.

The V. W. the Grand Treasurer presented his annual account, as follows :—

William H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

1869.	Dr.	
Sept.	To balance in bank per account received,....	$ 66 29
1870.		
Feb. 2,	To amount received from grand secretary,...	$500 00

" 4, "	"	"	"	...	400 00	
Aug. 30, "	"	"	"	...	500 00	
Sep. 12, "	"	"	"	...	342 66	
						1,742 66
" amount received from grand treasurer of late district grand lodge, E. R., ...						593 46
						$2,402 41

Cr.

By paid order No.	21—Grand Master, expenses...	$ 200 00	
" "	22—J. & A. McMillan, paper..	1 50	
" "	23—Hall com., 6 mos. rent....	12 00	
" "	24—H. Chubb & Co., printing etc.	148 55	
" "	25—Post Master, rent box No. 26	2 00	
" "	26—Henry Brown, acting G. T.	4 00	
" "	27—Grand Sec. post. and tel..	26 60	
" "	28—Wm. Elder, ad. M. Journal	4 20	
" "	29—George E. Fairweather, engrossing, etc.....	13 20	
" "	30—Grand Master. bal. ex. visits	18 91	
" "	31—Grand Sec'y, salary, 1869..	300 00	
" "	32—C. A. Robertson, horse hire	3 00	
" "	33—Hall com. rent and expenses	9 00	
" "	34—Alex. Hay, steel plate and certificates.....	116 43	
" "	35—Hall com. rent to Feb. 1, 1870	5 00	
" "	36—T. W. Anglin, ad. Freeman	4 00	
" "	37—J. Livingston, ad. Telegraph	6 20	
" "	38—Willis & Davis, ad. M. News	1 60	
" "	39—Geo. W. Beylea, coach hire	3 00	
" "	40—Alex. Hay, grand lodge cer.	98 57	
" "	41—Willis & Davis, ad. M. News	6 80	
" "	42—Evan Evans, tin box for cer.	5 00	
" "	43—R. & T. Finlay, leather case	15 00	
" "	44—Grand Lodge expenses, visiting lodges.....	30 24	
" "	45—Hall com. and expenses....	5 00	
" "	46—John Hastings, buckles....	5 70	
" "	47—Grand Sec. post. and tel..	19 56	
" "	48—C. E. Potter, frame pho. G. L.	5 75	

"	"	49—George E. Fairweather, engrossing.....	16 60	
"	"	50—Hall com. rent and expenses	5 00	
"	"	51—H. Chubb & Co., pr. & stat'y	197 75	
"	"	52—Albion Lodge, No. 1, two years interest on loan..	72 00	
"	"	53—Willis & Davis, ad. M. News	90	
			$1363 06	
Balance deposited in Bank B. N. America....			1039 35	$2402 41

W. H. A. KEANS,
St, John, N. B., Sept. 14, 1870. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master as president of the board of general purposes, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was ordered to be received and laid on the grand secretary's table:

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,
GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M., OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SAINT JOHN, N. B., September, 1870.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

The board of general purposes submit the following report :—

1. From a careful supervision of the Masonic Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, F. &. A. M. of New Brunswick, and from freqent official intercourse with the grand officers, the board of general purposes take great pleasure in assuring the members of grand lodge, that the progress of the craft in this province during the expiring masonic year has been steady and harmonious and that masonry under our registry stands to-day in a position to warrant and elicit the warmest feelings of pleasure and congratulation from every member of the fraternity.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

2. In order to proceed with such business as required attention, the

members of the board assembled soon after the close of the last annual communication of grand lodge, and have continued to meet periodically, performing from time to time such duties as devolved upon them.

3. The board proceed to submit for the consideration of grand lodge all matters of importance upon which they have taken official action. A large amount of other business, principally of a routine character, but demanding not a little attention, has passed before the board, which does not require special reference in this report. In all cases the board have endeavoured to act promptly and intelligently and in the interests of the institution.

VICE-PRESIDENT ELECTED.

4. Before proceeding to the business of the masonic year then commencing, W. Bro. John V. Ellis was unanimously elected Vice-President of the board.

PROCEEDINGS AND CONSTITUTION PUBLISHED.

5. Five hundred copies of the proceedings of grand lodge during the last annual communication were printed and distributed in the usual manner under the order of the board. A committee consisting of the president, vice-president and secretary, was appointed to codify the constitution, and to arrange the various amendments adopted by the grand lodge on the proper pages, preparatory to publication; with power, also, to have the same printed and issued upon the most favorable terms. Pursuant to this authority and after having carefully examined the records and proceedings of the grand lodge, the committee had the whole uniformly printed and published, in a convenient form. Two thousand copies have been struck off and fifteen hundred copies bound, and over twelve hundred copies have been called for by the subordinate lodges and individual masons. A statement, exhibiting the expenditure attending this work and the income derived from the sales, will appear in the report and accounts of the grand secretary.

BONDS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

6. While holding the utmost confidence in the worshipful brethren who, at present, so satisfactorily discharge the duties of those offices, for precautionary purposes and as a precedent for the future, the board resolved that the grand secretary be required to give bonds similar to those of the grand treasurer and that the M. W. Grand Master be

requested to have the bonds of the grand treasurer and grand secretary prepared and executed.

GRAND LODGE CERTIFI ..

7. One thousand grand lodge certificates on parchment have been duly received and have been placed in the custody of the grand secretary, whose accounts will disclose the expenses thus incurred.

MASONIC LAW—LODGE ST. ANDREW, NO. 16.

8. At a meeting of the board held on the twenty-eight day of January last, the grand secretary read a letter from the secretary of Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 16, setting forth that "there were included in the returns of 1868 seven brethren who were members of that lodge when on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but who refuse to sign the by-laws or to continue membership under the present constitution, and that there are six other brethren who were never advanced to the degree M. M., and who, like the former, not contribute to the lodge funds," and Lodge Saint Andrew c "to be informed if those thirteen members must be continued on the books and included in the returns."

9. The board referred the matter to a committee, consisting of Bros. Short, the Vice-President, Bunting, Marshall and Wetmore, and after a careful consideration the elaborate report of the committee was adopted. The opinion and decision of the board have therefore been declared to be that the seven brethren referred to "are at the present time members of the Lodge Saint Andrew, amenable to the by-laws of that lodge and to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and that Lodge Saint Andrew is chargeable with the usual *per capita* tax for the said brethren." In regard to the brethren who are not master masons, it appears that when Lodge Saint Andrew worked under the Scottish Registry it was not the practice to admit any brother to membership until he had taken the third degree. Under our constitution membership begins (if the initiate so express himself) with the entered apprentice degree. The brethren having been entered and passed while Lodge Saint Andrew was under the Scottish Registry they never signed the by-laws and did not become and consequently are not members. The board have decided, therefore, "that the Lodge Saint Andrew is not chargeable with *per capita* tax for these brethren." "As however, their position is an anamolous one, owing to the new order of things, the grand secretary was directed to order the secretary of Lodge

Saint Andrew to request these brethren (personally if possible or by letter) to attend the lodge, sign the by-laws and place themselves in a position to partake of all the rights and privileges of the fraternity." And the board further directed that if these brethren do not comply with this fraternal request of the Lodge Saint Andrew within six months they shall then be considered in the position of non-affiliated masons, and can only become members thereafter upon rejoining in the usual way and paying the usual joining fee.

MASONIC DISCIPLINE—JACOB FERGUSON.

10. Having in this way disposed of this matter, and knowing that the action of the board was subject to the review of the grand lodge, it is deeply to be regretted that the constitutional modes of procedure were not adopted by any one aggrieved by these decisions. It became the duty of the grand secretary to report otherwise to the board. On the fourth day of May last he laid before the board a very long communication from Bro. Jacob Ferguson of Richibucto, at that time on the roll of members of Lodge Saint Andrew, and one of the thirteen brethren included in the communication above referred to. The letter bears date the 19th March, and is addressed to the grand secretary. It occupies more than nine pages of foolscap and would be very tedious and uninteresting to reproduce in full. The following extracts are made that the grand lodge may understand the ground of their subsequent action :—

11. After objecting to the competency of the board, Bro. Jacob Ferguson wrote :—

"There has been a superabundance of these improper assumptions already. * * * Instead of encouraging such conduct [*i. e.*, that of Lodge Saint Andrew] they (B.G.P.) would be more laudably employed in patching up a reputation for the grand lodge. * * * But apart from the question whether I am or am not a member of Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 16, there lies at the very foundation of the jurisdiction the grand and indisputable fact of illegality to which, and the *modus operandi* by which the jurisdiction was founded, as well as the treachery by which it was accomplished and as developed in the destruction of Lodge St. Andrew, No 376, I must have a word to say. * * I claim a fraternity membership with true masons, but none with those having the stain of clandestine work on them. * * * It seems to me that all the *delirium tonans* about having me expelled from that which I do not belong resembles in its peculiar character, the manifestations of the subject of *delirium tremens* in his conflicts with imaginary "fiery scorpions" and "blue devils." * * * The work to establish this Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was entered upon with a contemptuous disregard of what was due to legality, constitutional usage, and I may add common courtesy; and so true is it that when once a wrong course has been designedly embarked in every succeeding step must be made to harmonize

with the wrong and go on to the attainment of the end in view in defiance of results. I say this work was designedly begun wrong, and I say it advisedly. If the establishment of the grand lodge had been an object sought to be legally and honorably acquired by its promoters, there was a legal and honorable way to accomplish it, and why was it not adopted? That it was not adopted is a historical fact. * * * Was it in obedience to the prompting of a few ambitious men who were intriguing to get themselves placed at the head of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, not so much to promote the interests of masonry as to feed the cravings of ambition, not so much to do honor to masonry as to do dishonor to the craft by treacherously committing them to the scheme by a resignation of their warrants. * * * In this base operation who were the promoters, and was the delegate from Lodge Saint Andrew so deficient in principle as to accept such a duty? Let the fact answer and say whether or not this dishonorable conduct was a part of the grand original scheme to treacherously shatter to pieces a lodge that had been legally established. * * * In the employment of means so unworthy is it not manifestly evident that the authors were sensibly aware of the illegality of the course adopted; but what did considerations of right weigh against considerations of ambition to be attained. Their watchword seems to have been: By any or all means, however foul, get the different lodges to resign their warrants, we then have the craft at our mercy and will use them to accomplish our purpose. * * * Were the sixteen other lodges also destroyed by the adoption of a similar kind of wire-pulling and intrigue? If so, then the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick instead of exulting in the traditions of its dynasty ought rather to feel humbled and ashamed at a dynasty so founded in vandalism; or was this wanton indignity directed against Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 376, alone, and why? Was it because that in this lodge there were two members whowere both alien to it that they and they only offered their services for the performance of this ignominious work—the one to initiate, the other to aid in localising and springing this treacherous scheme of destruction—the one to initiate, the other to aid in sweeping away barriers to let in a flood of defilement to polute and defile the traditions of ancient masonry? * * * Again, why was it that the delegate to the convention * * avoided meeting his lodge till he has assured the writer * * who would have confronted such schemes and exposed their treacherous intrigues, and who would have exerted himself to save the lodge from such wanton and deliberately planned destruction, and the craft from that which resulted in making them subsequently a clandestine lodge. * * * Surely it was iniquity enough by intrigue and duplicity to impose a base fraud upon the craft, and also a fraud and a wrong upon the writer in his absence. * * * It was a piece of cruel and malicious villiany to take advantage of my absence from home to turn me adrift from my lodge without a demit. Lodge Saint Andrew may at the nod of those arch betrayers of Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 376, and my rights therein pronounce this as right and honorable in masonry, and be sustained in it by the board of general purposes, but the writer, who has the unfortunate habit of calling a fraud a fraud by whomsoever committed, cannot characterize it as anything other than a piece of deliberate and vicious fraud. * * * One week later and the writer would have been at home again and the risk to be incurred by this event to the pretty scheme of demolition was too great, the duty to his prompters must not fail, he must pay the price for his office in the grand lodge, he must earn his reward by black treachery to Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 376, and to those members of it who had advanced him to his position in it. * * * To those who were clandestinely "made" between the 31st October, 1867, and the 4th June, 1868, although they are in no wise to blame for it, I say they will

be untrue to themselves if they do not demand the fullest reparation for the gross outrage, the foul imposition that was practiced upon them."

12. Bro. Jacob Ferguson concludes this extraordinary letter by announcing that he has communicated with the grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and "will transmit a duplicate of the foregoing to Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 16."

13. It would be unpardonable to copy so much of this letter, in itself of so little consequence, but for the subsequent action of the board which invests it for the time with an importance not otherwise attaching to it. Immediately upon hearing these charges and statements read, the board unanimously felt that apart from the abstract questions of masonic law involved in their decisions and holding them in abeyance, it was their duty to grand lodge, to the Lodge Saint Andrew and to the craft, so to deal with them as to vindicate the honor and dignity of the grand lodge and its members, so wantonly and violently assailed. Before proceeding further however, hoping that upon mature reflection Bro. Jacob Ferguson would perceive and regret the the full scope of his strong and thoughtless expressions, and anxious on our part to avoid the exercise of masonic discipline, the grand secretary was directed to, and did, address a letter to Bro. Jacob Ferguson, fraternally allowing him time and opportnnity to withdraw this letter, without prejudice of course, to any appeal he might choose to make to any competent tribunal. To this proposition Bro. Jacob Ferguson declined to accede. Thereupon he was duly summoned to appear before the board on the 30th day of August last. This he failed to do, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the board:

"*Whereas*, At a meeting of the board, held on the 16th inst., it was resolved that the grand secretary issue a summons to Bro. Jacob Ferguson to appear before the board on Tuesday the 30th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M., at the grand secretary's office to shew cause why he should not be suspended from the rights and privileges of freemasonry for unmasonic conduct in making statements assailing the character and dignity of the grand lodge and the motives of those who took part in its organization;

"*And Whereas*, In accordance with which resolution the said Bro. Jacob Ferguson was, on the 18th inst., duly summoned to appear at the grand secretary's office in the City of Saint John, at the day and hour above named, to make answer as above specified;

"*And Whereas*, The said Bro. Jacob Ferguson hath returned the said summons without answer and hath not appeared pursuant thereto;

"*And Whereas*, The board have heard the correspondence of the said Bro. Jacob Ferguson which the grand secretary read;

"*Therefore Resolved*, That in the opinion of the board of general purposes the said Bro. Jacob Ferguson has been guilty of unmasonic conduct in making statements assailing the character and dignity of the grand lodge and the motives of those who took part in its organization;

"*And Further Resolved*, That the said Bro. Jacob Ferguson be, and he is hereby suspended from the rights and privileges of freemasonry until further action of this board, subject nevertheless, to the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master,"

14. On the 1st instant the M. W. Grand Master formally approved of the suspension of Bro. Jacob Ferguson.

Discipline—Salisbury Lodge, No. 20.

15. A complaint was lodged with the grand secretary against the worshipful master of Salisbury Lodge, No. 20, for the year 1869, for "having conferred the M. M. degree on two candidates without allowing the constitutional period of four weeks to elapse previous to their being *raised*." The committee of the board, composed of the grand secretary and Bros. Marshall and McNichol, carefully examined into the matter and upon their recommendation the grand secretary was instructed to address a letter of reprimand and censure to the brother complained against and to caution him and the lodge, Salisbury, No. 20, not to repeat so grave a breach of the constitution. Before passing from this subject the board would fraternally remind all masons in this jurisdiction, particularly those who hold official stations in the craft, that the constitution has been adopted after the most deliberate study, research and discussion, and that no infringement of its requirements, however trival or unimportant they may appear, can be overlooked. A strict, undeviating and cheerful compliance with the provisions of the constitution and obedience to the grand tenets of our profession, are absolutely and co-equally necessary, not only that uniformity of work and discipline may be maintained, but that the integrity and stability of the craft may be preserved.

The board sincerely regret these cases as disturbing the otherwise uninterrupted flow of fraternal harmony throughout the year.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

16. The board have kept steadily in view the subject of a masonic temple. The great necessity existing for the erection of a temple in the City of St. John, devoted to the interests of the fraternity, is felt more and more keenly as the membership of the craft increases. In addition to the fact that the members of the board have individually

given the subject much thought, a committee was appointed, consisting of Bro. Marshall, the president, Bro. McNichol, the vice-president and secretary, to visit and report upon sites, terms of sale, purchase money, etc. The committee repeatedly examined several sites in different parts of the city and reported to the board. The result thus far has been, that the members of the board, weighing carefully the interests and requirements of the craft, present and prospective, and acting on their best judgment, have agreed in the selection of a site which they believe will be approved by grand lodge. Several considerations however, which it would be impolitic to make public, rendered the completion of the purchase, up to this time, impossible ; nor can the necessary transfers be perfected for a short further delay. But the board confidently entertain the hope and belief that during the present year a site will be secured and the necessary steps taken to commence operations, and at a cost, in all, estimated at (say) thirty thousand dollars. This the board believe can be done, and a building erected adequate to the demands of and creditable to the craft—with the probability of a fair income to be derived in a short time—and all without too seriously involving this jurisdiction in pecuniary anxieties and liabilities so early in its career. Schemes for the erection of public halls, academies of music, temperance buildings and masonic temples, in a city like Saint John must meet and have met, difficulties and delays scarcely forseen, but none the less inevitable. But the board are more than ever satisfied that this laudable desire of the craft can be gratified, and from the plans and information in their possession, they believe we are nearer the attainment of this purpose than many have reason to believe.

PRESENTATION.

17. The board has the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt from Bro. Charles P. Bliss, formerly of this province, and subsequently from Bro. Ira Cornwall of the *Canadian Craftsman*, presentation gifts of large photograph pictures of the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Immediately upon receipt of them the grand secretary was directed, suitably, to acknowledge these handsome donations.

THE CONSTITUTION.

18. The board have again turned their attention to the constitution. They are pleased to be able to state the opinion that the constitution as adopted seems readily and wisely to meet the wants and desires of

the craft in New Brunswick. The following amendments, however, have been recommended to the board and are submitted for the consideration of grand lodge:

1st.—To provide for the "election" of the grand secretary to office, instead of his appointment.

2nd.—Page 48, section 34, Private Lodges.

The following to be inserted before the words "the master," etc.: "Should such returns and payments not be made at least four weeks prior to the annual communication of grand lodge."

3rd.—Page 65, section 4, Public and Funeral Processions.

After "invite" first line, insert "the members of," and strike out "in form" second line.

4th.—Page 65, section 5 to be made section 6, and the following to be added as section 5:—

"Section 5. No other badge or insignia shall be worn at a funeral than the plain white or master mason's apron, except that the officers of the lodge burying the deceased shall be allowed to wear their official jewels, collars and aprons. The lodge burying the deceased may carry its banners, and all brethren attending shall form under such banners."

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT.

19. The board have great pleasure in submitting the following report of the vice-president and Bros. Short and Stockton, the audit committee, on the accounts of grand lodge:

The sub-committee of the board appointed to audit the accounts and examine the books of the grand secretary and grand treasurer for the past year, report:

The grand treasurer's accounts shew that he has received during the year $2,336.12, making with the balance on hand last year, a total of $2,402.41. He has paid out $1,363.06, for which disbursements he produces the proper vouchers and his bank book shews a balance to the credit of the grand lodge in the bank of British North America of $1,039.35. His receipts are made up of $1,742.66 paid him by the grand secretary and $593.46 received from the grand treasurer of the late Provincial Grand Lodge under English registry, which amount, with the regalia and other property of that body, have become the property of the whole craft.

The receipts of the grand secretary's office during the year have been $1,620.48, making, with the balance in his hands last year of $122.18, a total of $1,742.66, all of which has been paid over to the grand treasurer. The principal items in the grand secretary's receipts are, registration fees, $287; fees for certificates, $262.50; annual dues to grand lodge, $631.60; dispensations, etc., $60.87; sale of constitutions $120; and from miscellaneous sources, including balances

due by lodges last year, $229.38. The permanent revenue of grand lodge may be set down at from $1,300 to $1,500 annually, which will be sufficient for all its requirements for some time to come. The expenses of grand lodge, for the year just closed, have been about $170 less than those of last year, and even this year considerable of the amount disbursed was incidental to a new organization, over $200 having been expended in procuring plate and certificates—an expenditure that will not be necessary next year.

The sub-committee notes with pleasure that none of the lodges are in arrears

The sub-committee have also much pleasure in testifying to the neat, methodical and careful manner in which the books of grand lodge are kept.

A statement of the receipts in detail is submitted by grand secretary, and of the expenditures by grand treasurer, and these are annexed.

CONCLUSION.

20. In drawing this report to a close, the board think the facts submitted warrant them in repeating that the masonic year closing has been one of the most gratifying prosperity, while they enjoin once again, if that were necessary, on all the brethren a continued cultivation of the sublime principles of our ancient and honorable fraternity, that the craft under the registry of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick may be recognized as faithful to all the landmarks of freemasonry, and as dispensing with a free and generous hand the noble charities of so great and so good an institution.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. WEDDERBURN, D. G. M.,
President Board General Purposes.

It was moved by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden,

That the election of grand lodge officers be held to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock and installation in the evening.

In amendment it was moved by Bro. T. N. Robertson, S. W. Lodge No. 1, that the election take place to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock and the installation immediately afterward.

On taking the question the amendment was adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, P.G.D.C., and

Resolved, That the amendments to the constitution, notices of which have been given by the board of general purposes and by various breth-

ren, be made the order of the day for half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

The grand lodge was called from labor until two o'clock this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,

28th September, 1870.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 2 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East, and the other officers at their respective stations.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed, as per resolution of this morning, the following a committee on the question of the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P.G.D.C., R.W. Wm. Wedderburn, D. G. M., R. W. Robert T. Clinch, P. G. M., V. W. Wm. F. Bunting, G. Sec'y, W. Edward Willis, A. G. D. C., W. James McNichol, Jr., G. P., together with the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Wardens.

It was moved by W. Bro. Marshall, G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the reports of the V. W. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and entered upon the minutes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, D. G. M., and

Resolved, That all private lodges which have up to the present time failed to forward copies of their by-laws for approval, and impressions of their seals, be required by the V. W. Grand Secretary to forward the same without delay.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wedderburn, D. G. M., and

Resolved, That the V. W. Grand Secretary be directed to issue an order to the several private lodges requiring them to furnish him with

copies of their warrants, and that upon receipt thereof each copy shall be filed in the office of the grand secretary and entered in a register of warrants to be kept for that purpose.

A motion proposed by the W. Grand Director Ceremonies authorizing the purchase of a safe for preserving the books, papers, etc., of grand lodge was negatived, the brethren deeming it inexpedient to expend so large a sum in the present conditions of the funds.

Credentials were presented by

R. W. Bro. James Robertson as representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska,

W. Bro. John V. Ellis as representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and

V. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting as representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri;

Whereupon the several representatives were duly received as such and saluted with the usual masonic honors.

In accordance with the order of the day grand lodge proceeded to the consideration of the amendments to the constitution as proposed by the board of general purposes and the several brethren named in the grand secretary's report.

The proposed amendments were disposed of as follows:—

No. 1, proposed by the board,	Negatived.
" 2, " "	Adopted.
" 3, " "	Adopted.
" 4, " "	Negatived.
Amendment proposed by W. Bro. Dibblee,	Negatived.
" " W. Bro. Irving,	Negatived.
" " W. Bro. Ellis,	Adopted.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that a special

communication of grand-lodge would be held this evening at 8 o'clock, in the new hall of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, for the purpose of conducting the dedicatory and consecration services.

He further announced that at the close of the ceremonies of consecration a supper would be given by the brethren of the Carleton Union Lodge, and he had been requested to extend an invitation to the members of the craft generally to be present on the occasion.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master from the committee appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to make arrangements if practicable, for having a festival under the banner of grand lodge during the present session, reported that having in view the proposed consecration of the masonic hall erected by the Carleton Union Lodge and the holding of a festival by the brethren of that lodge in connection with those ceremonies, and having met a committee of Carleton Union Lodge and conferred with them on the subject, the committee are of opinion that it is not desirable to have a festival under the banner of grand lodge during the present session.

Report agreed to.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING,

29th September, 1870.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 10 o'clock, the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master in the East.

It was moved by W. Bro. Marshall, G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the report of the board of general purposes as amended be adopted.

Read a note from W. Bro. G. Hudson Flewelling, G. S. B., apologizing for his absence from grand lodge, caused by sickness in his family.

It was moved by W. Bro. Henry Card, Grand Organist, and

Resolved, That the V.W. Grand Secretary, in accordance with the suggestion contained in his report, convey to R. W. Bro. Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the thanks of grand lodge for his kindness in superintending the engraving of steel plate for certificates.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, P. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the subject of a "Grand Lecturer's Fund," alluded to in the first paragraph of the V.W. Grand Secretary's report, be referred to a committee of five to report to grand lodge at the present communication.

Whereupon the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master appointed as such committee W. Bro. Ellis, P. G. D. C., R. W. Bro. Stevenson, S. G. W., R. W. Bro. Richards, J. G. W., W. Bro. Marshall, G. D. C., and W. Bro. Botsford, P. M. Lodge No. 23.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That grand lodge appropriate from the fund of general purposes the sum of one hundred dollars to aid Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, in the completion of their new hall.

At this stage of the proceedings the M.W. the Grand Master being announced was received and saluted with customary honors and took his seat in the East.

It was moved by W. Bro. Richards, J. G. W., and

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to

Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, of Newcastle, Miramichi, to assist them in the re-erection of their hall lately destroyed by storm.

A circular from the Grand Orient of France relative to an "International Subscription" in aid of sufferers by the present war in Europe, was referred to the board of general purposes:

Copy of Circular.

[L. S.] ORIENT AT PARIS, 8th August, 1870.

"*To all masonic governments, to all lodges and all masons:*

"VERY DEAR BRETHREN,—Freemasonry has always deplored the miseries which are the inevitable results of war. If its wishes for peace are to-day inopportune and useless, there remains at least for it, a humane duty to perform. Uniting all the victims of the war in a fraternal solicitude, the Grand Orient of France takes the initiative in an International Subscription, the proceeds of which will be employed to assist all the wounded and to help all masons of the army and navy and their families, without distinction of origin.

"We hope that our appeal will be understood by all the fraternity. All masons will desire to be associated in this work of humanity and will hasten to make their contributions; so that now, as at all times, masonry will fulfil its mission.

"Accept, very dear brethren, the assurance of our fraternal sentiments.

"BABAUD-LARIBIERE,
"Grand Master.

"P. S.—The council of the order has decided that an ambulance will be established at the office of the Grand Orient of France, 16 Rue Cadet.

"Subscriptions will be centralized at the grand orient and the lists published from time to time, in the official bulletin. A committee appointed by the council of the order will attend to the dispensing of the contributions.

"The grand orient has subscribed, for its first payment, 3,000 francs, and the first subscription among the members of the council of the order—at the head of which is the grand master—has reached the sum of 1,100 francs."

Grand lodge was called from labor until three o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTEROON,

September 29th, 1870.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at three o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The committee appointed at the morning session on the subject of a "Grand Lecturer's Fund," submitted the following report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. Flewelling, Past S. G. W., was ordered to be received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the first paragraph of the V. W. Grand Secretary's report, beg leave to report as follows:

They recommend that the board of general purposes be empowered to employ from time to time, such brother or brethren as may be competent to instruct lodges in the work, and that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated out of the funds of grand lodge, to aid lodges requiring such lecturer; the distribution to be made as the board may deem advisable.

JOHN V. ELLIS,
JOHN RICHARDS,
ROBERT MARSHALL,
BLISS BOTSFORD,
} Committee.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, P. G, D. C., seconded by R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is the Supreme Masonic Authority in this province, and the existence of lodges therein not holding warrants of this grand lodge ought no longer to be permitted;

And Further Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master take steps to request the Grand Lodge of Scotland (from whom these recusant lodges hold their warrants) to withdraw the same; and if such warrants be not withdrawn on or before —— day of ——, this grand lodge will direct its subordinates to hold no masonic communication with such lodges.

It was moved by W. Bro. Ellis, P. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master in corresponding with the Grand Lodge of Scotland relative to the requirements of the foregoing resolution, state that two quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will be allowed to elapse before the extreme measures proposed be carried into effect.

The following report was on motion of the R. W. Junior Grand Warden ordered to be received and the resolutions adopted :—

St. John, N. B., 29th September, 1870.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the annual address of the M. W. the Grand Master announcing the death of the R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge and Past District Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of England, beg to submit the following resolutions for adoption :—

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, have heard with profound sorrow of the death of the R. W. Bro. Alexander Balloch, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and

Further Resolved, That our late lamented Bro. Balloch in his lifetime was distinguished by his warm and enthusiastic love of the craft, was always zealous and indefatigable in his labors for the welfare of freemasonry, particularly in this province, and especially while occupying the high and honorable positions of provincial and district grand master under the Grand Lodge of England; was every ready and desirous of promoting harmony and love among the brethren by the application of that thorough knowledge of the principles of our ancient and honorable institution to the determination of all questions affecting the welfare of the several lodges of this province, as well as of the provincial and district grand lodges over which he was called to preside, and always exhibited to the brethren who have survived him an example of these virtues which has marked and will leave its impress upon the history of m[illegible]y in this province, and

Further Resolved, That as a mark of e[illegible] the memory of our late Right Worshipful Brother a suitable memo[illegible] be entered u[illegible]n the records of grand lodge.

Benj. R. Stevenson,
Robert Marshall,
Wm. Wedderburn,
Committee.

It was moved by the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be engrossed and transmitted, under the seal of grand lodge, to the widow of the late R. W. Brother Balloch.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated that in accordance with an order of grand lodge at its last annual communication he should now proceed to have the work of the ritual exemplified. Whereupon, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, the V. W. the Grand Secretary rehearsed (descriptively) the ceremonies of opening and closing a lodge and the first section of the E. A. degree.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until 8 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING,

29th September, 1870.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 8 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

On motion of the W. Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, it was

Resolved, That the order of the day be proceeded with, *i. e.*, the election of the elective officers for the ensuing year.

W. Bros. Bliss Botsford, W. F. Dibblee and A. A. Stockton were appointed scrutineers who, having sorted and counted the votes upon the several ballotings, reported the following brethren elected to the respective offices, viz. :—

M. W. Grand Master,.....	Bro.	WM. WEDDERBURN.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master,..	"	JOHN V. ELLIS.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden,..	"	BLISS BOTSFORD.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden,..	"	WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE.
V. W. Grand Chaplain,.....	"	REV. WILLIAM DONALD.

V. W. Grand Treasurer, ... Bro. Wm. H. A. Keans.
W. Grand Tyler, ... " Dingee Scribner.

W. Bro. Charles Ketchum, Past Master of lodge No. 8, presented credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota, who was thereupon duly received and saluted as such.

The M. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, Grand Master elect, was duly obligated, invested and installed by Past Grand Master, B. Lester Peters, and was saluted with the customary honors and proclaimed in the east, west and south.

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz:—

V. W. Wm. F. Bunting, ... Grand Secretary.
W. Adolphus G. Beckwith, . . Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Robert Marshall, ... Junior Grand Deacon.
W. John D. Short, ... Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. Richard N. Knight, ... Ass't G. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. Duncan S. Harper, ... Grand Sword Bearer.
W. John Johnston, ... Grand Standard Bearer.
W. Henry Card, ... Grand Organist.
W. David R. Munro, ... Grand Pursuivant.
W. Harris Allan, ... Grand Steward.
W. John A. Beattey, ... do.
W. Joseph McMonagle, ... do.
W. Thomas H. Keohan, ... do.
W. Samuel Foster, ... do.
W. Henry Hallett, ... do.
W. Charles Carr, ... do.

The office-bearers elected and appointed were installed, invested and proclaimed.

The following brethren were appointed to the board of general purposes for the ensuing year:

R. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH,.....Past Grand Master.
R. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Past Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS,.....Past Junior Grand Warden.
W. JOHN D. SHORT,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. ALFRED A. STOCKTON,...Past Master Lodge No. 19.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,...Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Past Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,.....Past Master Lodge No. 8.
W. DAVID R. MUNRO,.....Grand Pursuivant.
W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,..Past Master Lodge No. 2.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following a committee on work and ritual:—

M. W. Grand Master; R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters; R. W. Deputy Grand Master; V. W. Grand Secretary; W. Bro. A. A. Stockton and W. Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway.

Grand lodge was called off until to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING,

30th September, 1870.

Grand lodge was called to labor at eleven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

It was moved by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and

Resolved, That grand lodge confirm the appointments made by R. W. Past Grand Master Peters, of brethren to represent this grand lodge in sister grand lodges.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the rank and title of Past Senior Grand Warden of this grand lodge be conferred upon M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, representative in the grand lodge of Canada.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., seconded by R. W. Bro. Brown, P. J. G. W., and

Resolved, That, in the opinion of grand lodge, the term—"Seafaring men,"—in section two of the constitution, under the title "Proposing Members," does not extend or apply to persons employed in vessels known as "coasters," or in any vessels trading or plying between ports on the Atlantic seaboard of North America.

The remaining sections of the E. A. degree and a portion of the F. C. were duly exemplified.

Grand lodge was called from labor until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON,

30th September 1870.

Grand lodge was called to order at the time specified, the M. W. Grand Master in the East.

It was moved by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to appoint, during the recess, a committee to make arrangements, if deemed advisable, for a festival under the banner of grand lodge at the next annual communication.

The remaining portion of the F. C. and the whole of the M. M. degree were exemplified.

It was moved by W. Bro. Main, P. S. G. D., and

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to arrange

for a full exemplification of the work of the ritual at the next annual communication.

All business before grand lodge having been disposed of, it was closed in *due form* and with solemn prayer.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27th DECEMBER 1869.

No. Lodge	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Time of Regular Communication.	Initiated	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With-drawn.	Died.	Sus-pended.	Exclu'ed	Rein-stated.	No. Membrs.
1	Albion,	Saint John,	First Friday in each Month,	12	10	10	4	11	....	16	....	....	170
2	Saint John's,	"	First Tuesday in each Month,	11	10	11	2	6	....	....	5	....	104
3	Hibernia,	"	Second Tuesday in each Month,	20	22	24	2	3	1	....	....	....	129
4	Sussex,	Dorchester,	Thursday on or after Full Moon,	11	11	10	....	....	1	....	6	....	45
5	Saint Mark's,	St. Andrews,	First Thursday in each Month,	7	6	9	2	4	1	....	....	....	54
6	Solomon's,	Fredericton,	Second Tuesday in each Month,	23	23	23	1	16	1	....	....	....	72
7	Sussex,	St. Stephen,	First Wednesday in each Month,	12	12	11	3	4	2	....	....	....	64
8	Carleton Union,	Carleton,	First Thursday in each Month,	23	23	23	....	4	2	1	5	....	98
9	Midian,	Clifton,	Second Tuesday in each Month,	2	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	25
10	Union of Portland,	Saint John,	Third Thursday in each Month,	20	19	19	2	5	....	....	....	....	132
11	Woodstock,	Woodstock,	First Wednesday in each Month,	10	12	10	2	5	....	....	....	....	59
12	Saint George,	Saint George,	First Tuesday in each Month,	9	8	7	2	....	....	....	....	2	49
13	Corinthian,	Hampton,	Wednesday on or after Full Moon,	3	3	2	4	1	....	....	....	....	21
14	Alley,	Upper Mills,	First Thursday in each Month,	11	10	9	....	15	....	....	....	....	76
15	Howard,	Hillsborough	First Tuesday in each Month,	7	9	11	....	2	....	....	....	....	53
16	Saint Andrew,	Richibucto,	Monday on or after Full Moon,	13	10	10	1	4	1	....	....	1	75
17	Northumberland,	Newcastle,	Second Tuesday in each Month,	3	4	5	1	1	1	2	....	....	51
18	Miramichi,	Chatham,	Third Thursday in each Month,	4	4	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	54
19	Leinster,	Saint John,	Second Friday in each Month,	7	6	4	1	3	....	....	....	....	48
20	Salisbury,	Salisbury,	First Tuesday in each Month,	5	5	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	24
21	Zion,	Sussex,	Wednesday before Full Moon,	11	11	11	2	4	....	....	....	....	34
22	New Brunswick,	Saint John,	Second Thursday in each Month,	16	16	19	....	6	....	....	....	....	65
23	Keith,	Moncton,	Thursday on or after New Moon,	3	4	4	1	3	....	....	....	....	32
24	Zetland,	Shediac,	Third Wednesday in each Month,	3	3	3	1	3	2	....	1	....	32
25	Restigouche,	Dalhousie,	Tuesday on or after full moon,	13	11	11	14	....	....	....	....	....	27
26	Victoria, (no returns),	Milltown,	Second Thursday in each month,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
				259	252	254	45	103	12	19	17	3	1593

In Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Alexander Balloch,

PAST GRAND MASTER,

PAST DISTRICT GRAND MASTER UNDER ENGLAND, AND PAST MASTER OF THE UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND, NO. 10,

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN,

3rd day of February, A. D. 1870.

AGED 70 YEARS.

26 Victoria, (no returns), Milltown, . . . Second Thursday in each month, . . . | 259 | 252 | 254 | 45 | 103 | 12 | 19 | 17 | 3 | 593

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

DEDICATION OF THE MASONIC HALL, CARLETON.

28th SEPTEMBER, A. L. 3870.

The M. W. the Grand Master, with the officers and members of grand lodge, having formed in due order in one of the reception rooms of the hall, proceeded to the lodge room, and were received by the worshipful master, officers and brethren of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8.

A march was performed on the organ, after which the following hymn was sung by the choir:—

Supreme Grand Master! God of power!
Be with us in this solemn hour.
Smile on our work; our plans approve,
Fill ev'ry heart with hope and love.

Let each discordant thought be gone,
And love unite our hearts in one:
May we, in union strong combine
In work and worship so divine.

Grand Lodge was opened at eight o'clock, P. M., in *ample* form, with prayer by the acting grand chaplain, the following officers and acting officers being

PRESENT:

M. W. B. LESTER PETERS, ... Grand Master.
R. W. WM. WEDDERBURN, ... Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON, ... Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN, ... as Junior Grand Warden.
Rev. Bro. COPERTHWAITE, as Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS. . . . . Grand Treasurer.

V. W. Wm. F. Bunting,.....Grand Secretary.
W. David Main,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Thomas Irving,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Robert Marshall,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. Edward Willis,.....Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. S. Wright Golding,....as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. John Mullin,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. Henry Card,.....Grand Organist.
W. James McNichol, Jr.,....Grand Pursuivant.

Together with many past grand officers and the masters, past masters, wardens and brethren of lodges, numbering about three hundred.

The W. M. of Carleton Union Lodge, addressing the grand master, said:

Most Worshipful Grand Master,—The brethren of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, being animated by a desire to promote the honor and advance the interests of the craft, have erected a masonic hall for their convenience and accommodation.

They are desirous that the hall should be examined by the grand lodge, and if it should meet with approbation, that it be solemnly dedicated to masonic purposes, according to ancient form and usage.

The architect, with the working tools, accompanied by the building committee, advanced to the centre of the lodge and addressed the grand master:

Most Worshipful Brother,—Having been invested with the superintendence and management of the workmen employed in the construction of this edifice, and having, to the best of my ability, accomplished the task assigned to me, I now surrender the implements committed to my care, with the hope that the work will meet with your approbation and that of the grand lodge.

The grand director of ceremonies received the working tools, and by direction of the grand master handed

The *square* to the deputy grand master;
The *level* to the senior grand warden, and
The *plumb* to the junior grand warden.

The G. D. C. organized a procession in the following order:

Two grand stewards with rods,
Two grand deacons with rods,
Senior and junior grand wardens,
Deputy Grand Master,

who, with the architect, made examination of the building and returned to their several stations.

Grand Master to Deputy Grand Master—"What is the proper jewel of your office?"

Response—"The square."

G. M.—"Have you applied the square to the parts of this building that should be square?"

D. G. M.—"I have, most worshipful, and the craftsmen have done their duty."

Grand Master to Senior Grand Warden—"What is the proper jewel of your office?"

S. G. W.—"The level."

G. M.—"Have you applied the level to this hall?"

S. G. W.—"I have, most worshipful, and the craftsmen have done their duty."

Grand Master to Junior Grand Warden—"What is the proper jewel of your office?"

J. G. W.—"The plumb."

G. M.—"Have you applied the plumb to the several parts of this edifice that should be plumb?"

J. G. W.—"I have, most worshipful, and the craftsmen have done their duty."

Grand Master to Architect:—"Brother Architect,—The

skill and ability displayed in the execution of the trust reposed in you have received the entire approbation of grand lodge, and they sincerely pray that this edifice may continue a lasting monument of the taste, spirit and ability of its founders."

Deputy Grand Master to Grand Master :—" Most Worshipful,—The hall in which we are now assembled and the plan upon which it has been constructed having met your approbation, it is the desire of the fraternity that it shall now be dedicated according to ancient form and usage."

The following ode was sung by the choir :—

All hail to the morning that bids us rejoice !
The temple's completed ; exalt high each voice !
The Cap-stone is finished—our labor is o'er ;
The sound of the gavel shall hail us no more.

Companions, assemble on this joyful day ;
The occasion is glorious—the Keystone to lay.
Fulfilled is the promise by the Ancient of Days,
To bring forth the Cap-stone with shouting and praise.

There's no more occasion for level or plumb-line,
For trowel or gavel, for compass or square ;
Our works are completed, the ark safely seated,
And we shall be greeted as workmen most rare.

Now those that are worthy our toils who have shared,
And proved themselves faithful, shall meet their reward ;
Their virtue and knowledge, industry and skill,
Have our approbation—have gained our good will.

Almighty Jehovah ! descend now and fill
This lodge with Thy glory—our hearts with good-will ;
Preside at our meetings ; assist us to find
True pleasure in teaching good-will to mankind.

After singing the foregoing, the M. W. Grand Master delivered an address upon the forms and ceremonies peculiar to dedication services, and explained their symbolic meaning.

Thereupon, the officers of grand lodge and the worshipful master, past masters and officers of Carleton Union Lodge, formed in due order around the alter, when the *lodge* was uncovered.

Scripture reading by grand chaplain—1st Kings, vii., 13, 14,—during which the officers moved in procession round the hall.

The junior grand warden presented the vessel of corn to the grand master and said:—"Most Worshipful,—In the dedication of masonic halls, it has been of immemorial custom to pour corn upon the lodge as an emblem of nourishment. I therefore present to you this vessel of corn, to be employed by you according to ancient usage."

Grand master, pouring the corn:—"In the name of the Great Jehovah to whom be all power and glory, I do solemnly dedicate this hall to Freemasonry."

Singing by the choir:

Genius of Masonry! descend,
And with thee bring thy spotless train:
Constant our sacred rites attend,
While we adore thy peaceful reign.

The procession moved a second time round the hall, during which the grand chaplain read from 1st Kings, vii., 15, 16, 17.

The senior grand warden presented the grand master with the vessel of wine and said:—"Most Worshipful,—Wine, the emblem of refreshment, having been used by our ancient brethren in the consecration of their lodges, I present to you this vessel of wine, to be used according to ancient custom."

Grand Master, pouring the wine:—"In the name of the Holy Saints John, I dedicate this hall to Virtue."

Singing by the choir:

Bring with thee Virtue, brightest maid;
Bring love, bring truth and friendship here;
While kind relief will lend her aid
To smoothe the wrinkled brow of care.

The procession moved a third time round the hall, while the grand chaplain read from 1st Kings, vii., 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

The deputy grand master presented the grand master with the vessel of oil and said:—"Most Worshipful,—I present you, to be used according to ancient custom, this vessel of oil, an emblem of that joy which animates us on the successful completion of this important undertaking."

Grand Master, pouring the oil:—"In the name of the whole fraternity, I do solemnly dedicate this hall to Universal Benevolence."

Singing by the choir:

Come Charity, with goodness crowned,
Encircled in thy Heavenly robe;
Diffuse thy blessings all around
To every corner of the globe.

Invocation by grand master:—"May the Great Architect of the Universe, the giver of every good and perfect gift, bless this lodge, and grant to the brethren here assembled, in needful supply, the Corn of Nourishment, the Wine of Refreshment and the Oil of Joy. Amen."

Response,—"So mote it be."

Singing by the choir:

To Heaven's high Architect all praise—
All praise, all gratitude be given,
Who deigned the human soul to raise
By mystic secrets sprung from Heaven.

Prayer by the V. W. the Grand Chaplain.

The grand officers thereupon resumed their stations when the following proclamation was made in the east, west and south by the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, the grand honors being given at each proclamation:

"I am directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to proclaim, and I do hereby proclaim, that this masonic hall has been solemnly dedicated according to ancient form and usage.'

The anthem, "The Earth is the Lord's," was sung by the choir.

The M. W. the Grand Master made a few appropriate remarks, after which he introduced W. Brother John V. Ellis, Past G. D. C., and Past Master of Carleton Union Lodge, who delivered an eloquent and interesting oration, in which was included an outline of the history and progress of the lodge, whose spirited endeavours had erected and completed the beautiful hall just dedicated.

Grand Lodge was called to refreshment, when the brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous entertainment, prepared by the lady friends of the Carleton brethren, awaited them, to which ample justice was done.

After supper grand lodge was called to labor again, when the choir sung the following hymn:—

Air.—"Old Hundred."

Master Supreme! accept our praise;
  Still bless this consecrated band.
Parent of Light! illume our ways,
  And guide us by Thy sovereign hand.

May Faith, Hope, Charity, divine,
  Here hold their undivided reign;
Friendship and harmony combine
  To soothe our cares and banish pain.

May Wisdom here disciples find—
  Beauty unfold her thousand charms;
Science invigorate the mind—
  Expand the soul that virtue warms.

May pity dwell within each breast—
  Relief attend the suffering poor;
Thousands by this our lodge be blest,
  Till worth, distress'd, shall want no more.

Grand Lodge was thereupon closed in *ample* form.

The choir sung:

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord!
Eternal truth attends Thy word!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till sun shall rise and set no more.

The benediction was pronounced by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Wm. D. Punting
Grand Secy.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

SEPTEMBER 27th and 28th, 1871.

The fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 27th day of September, A. L. 5871, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. WM. WEDDERBURN,....Grand Master.
R. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Past Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. WM. P. FLEWELLING,...Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. WM. F. DIBBLEE,.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,.....Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. JOHN WILLIS,.....Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN D. SHORT,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Past Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. G. H. FLEWELLING,.....Past Grand Sword Bearer.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Past Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.

W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR., . . Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. HARRIS ALLAN, ... Grand Steward.
W. CHARLES CARR, ... do.
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER, ... Grand Tyler.

The grand lodge was opened in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

It was moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last annual and special communications be dispensed with, the same having been printed and distributed among the brethren.

The committee on credentials, W. Bros. Christopher Murray and Henry Duffell, reported the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz. :—

Albion Lodge, No. 1, ... Thos. N. Robertson, W.M.
B. Lester Peters, P.M.
Wm. W. Emslie, P.M.
Thomas M. Reed, P.M.
Christopher Murray, P. M.
Charles D. Thomson, P. M.
Geo. E. Fairweather, J. W.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2 . . . . . Henry G. Hunt, W.M.
Wm. H. A. Keans, P.M.
Wm. F. Bunting, P.M.
John D. Short, P.M.
William Wedderburn, P.M.
J. Gordon Forbes, P.M.
Jos. C. Hatheway, P.M.
Charles A. Estey, S.W.
Thomas O. Sandall, J.W.

Hibernian Lodge, No. [illegible] . . . . . George King, W.M.

	James McNichol, Sr., P.M.
	Mark N. Powers, P.M.
	David Martin, P.M.
	John Mullin, P.M.
Sussex Lodge, No. 4,	Stephen W. Palmer, P.M.
Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,	Harris Allan, P.M.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,	Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
	John V. Ellis, P.M.
	Henry Leonard, P.M.
	J. Alfred Clark, S.W.
	Henry Card.
Midian Lodge, No. 9,	G. H. Flewelling, W.M.
	Wm. P. Flewelling, P.M.
Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10,	Henry Duffell, W.M.
	Robert Marshall, P.M.
	William C. Morissey, P.M.
	Chas. U. Hanford, S.W.
Woodstock Lodge, No. 11,	Wm. F. Dibblee, W.M.
Howard Lodge, No. 15,	John Wallace, P. M.
Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16,	Charles Carr, W.M.
	Isaac W. Doherty, P.M.
Leinster Lodge, No. 19,	John Willis, P.M.
	Edward Willis, P.M.
	Israel S. Gross, P.M.
New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,	James McNichol, Jr., P.M.
	William R. Russell, P.M.
	Arthur Owen, J.W.
Zetland Lodge, No. 24,	Samuel McKean, P.M.
Victoria Lodge, No. 26,	Thos. J. Robinson, S.W.

Notes were read from W. Bros. David Brown, chairman of committee on credentials, D. E. Seymour, past grand deacon, representative in Grand Lodge of Maine, and Richard N. Knight, A. G. D. C., regretting their inability to be present.

It was moved by W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, W. M. Lodge No. 1, and

Resolved, That all master masons in good standing be permitted to visit grand lodge at the present communication.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered his annual address as follows:—

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY F. & A. M.
SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, Sept., 1871.

To the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

MY BRETHREN,—It will be a matter of sincere pleasure and congratulation to you to learn officially, as you have no doubt perceived personally, that the masonic year in the history of our jurisdiction now drawing to a close, has been marked by many evidences of progress and prosperity. It is, therefore, with so much the greater pleasure that I meet you in annual session, to review the work of the past and take counsel for the efficient conduct of the affairs of the future.

We may not inappropriately here observe, also, that to the student of masonic history, it must be apparent that the general progress of our common institution the world over, has been steady, uniform and most satisfactory. Acknowledging no geographical latitudes in the scope of its sublime benevolence and ignoring all party distinctions, the course of freemasonry universal, to the sincere mason, must be a matter of deep and pleasurable interest.

Claiming an origin immemorial, and cemented by principles which should be everywhere acknowledged and respected, masons discover in the general success of their ancient craft a cause for delight, equalled only by their intense satisfaction upon the advancement of their immediate jurisdiction. Opposed by unreasoning prejudices, traduced by the ignorant and profane, sought after for betrayal by the vicious and mercenary, "freemasonry, notwithstanding, still survives," and

the world, so unready to declare it, is clearly the better for it that our institution rises superior to all calumnies and bigotted opposition.

Considerations of this kind, however, should bear to us an impressive lesson. It is not alone in the fraternal intercourse of our own circle, nor in the peculiar and local success of our mother lodge or grand jurisdiction, nor in the happy and emulous and honorable rivalry of the brethren, that the true mason will discover both inspiration and an incentive to action. We should, at the same time, so deport ourselves in our several social spheres and in all the paths of citizenship, "that our ancient and honorable institution shall suffer no disparagement at our hands," and while we keep steadfastly in view the sublime "ancient charges of a freemason," we shall add adornment and lustre to the common duties of the patriot, the philanthrophist and the christian. Thus, to the mason who really and intelligently understands and appreciates the mission of the craft, those duties will be light and the performance of them an unmingled pleasure.

Turning from the inviting field of masonry, as revealed to us by the proceedings of other grand lodges, to the equally pleasant survey of our own jurisdiction, it will be found that freemasonry in New Brunswick is increasing and advancing. And this is the more an earnest of the high character of the institution, because our doors happily are not thrown open to the world, and whoever seeks to pass the outer door of our temple must come with a heart already prepared for the service and its sacrifices.

Protracted illness has prevented me from making as many official visits as I have desired. I may state, however, that I did not contemplate making anything like a general tour of official visitation through the jurisdiction. The correspondence of the grand secretary's office is so full and large and the visitation of my predecessor was so very complete, that I deemed it unnecessary in the present infant state of grand lodge finances to make a large draft for this service. It will be a matter for the consideration of the incoming grand master, whether it shall be a duty in the interests of the fraternity to make a general visitation during the ensuing year.

I had the very great pleasure of meeting with the lodges of the City of Saint John on last Saint John's day, and of installing their respective masters, and I hazarded the opinion then, which I think has been verified by experience, that the custody and harmony of the craft are committed to the hands of zealous and laborious brethren, who can command success for their respective lodges.

I may remark at this point however, that I do not at all admire the plan of summoning the lodges of the city for high twelve on Saint John's day for installation purposes. I approve of the proper celebration of the festival. If there was but one lodge in the city, then the day and hour are most suitable for such a service; but it is manifestly impossible to conduct the installation of the officers of seven lodges consecutively, with comfort to the brethren or with that interest and "decency and order" which should mark all our ceremonies. I think this matter well worth the consideration of grand lodge and of the subordinate lodges immediately interested, and indeed if the installing ceremonies were set down for the regular monthly meeting of the respective lodges, I can readily fancy with what pleasure any grand master would officially visit each lodge, and what a series of effective and harmonious fraternal meetings the craft in the city would thus be enabled to enjoy.

I had much pleasure visiting Solomon's Lodge, Fredericton, during the last winter and found the lodge harmonious and prosperous. I was attended by R. W. the Deputy Grand Master and V. W. the Grand Secretary. While I found it my duty to call attention to certain omissions in the furniture and discrepancies in the work, I nevertheless felt that this lodge is in all respects one of the best in this jurisdiction and that when the then newly installed officers should become more perfect and proficient—as I have reason to know they have since done—there would be little more to be desired. The hospitality of the brethren on this occasion of my visit was most marked and bounteous.

I herewith submit to you the report forwarded to me by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master Ellis, of his official visitation to the masonic bodies located on the North Shore; and you will permit me to assure you that, during a long period of complete confinement to my home, I have experienced from him and also from the V. W. Grand Secretary, such fraternal attention and consideration as have not only been very grateful to me, but have well assured me that the interests of grand lodge and of the craft, could not suffer from my absence, with such courteous and zealous brethren always diligent and laborious for their welfare:

REPORT OF R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:

SIR AND BROTHER,—In accordance with your directions to me to consecrate and dedicate according to ancient masonic usage, Saint John Lodge, No. 27,

Bathurst, I proceeded to that place, leaving Saint John on Monday, March 13, and on the evening of the 16th duly consecrated, constituted and dedicated the lodge, and installed Worshipful Bro. William Wallace Gordon into the oriental chair. Bro. Gordon immediately installed his own officers and the lodge went on with its regular business. Saint John Lodge owns a very convenient and comfortable hall, is well equipped and has an excellent membership.

Bro. George E. Fairweather, J. W. of Albion Lodge, No. 1, kindly accompanied me from Saint John, and W. Bro. Thos. F. Gillespie, P. S. G. D., of Miramichi Lodge, from Chatham.

Taking advantage of this journey to the North Shore, I met the Worshipful Master of Zetland Lodge, No. 24, Shediac, and in the presence of several of the past masters regularly installed him into the chair on the afternoon of Monday 13th. On Tuesday evening, with Bro. Gillespie, Bro. Fairweather and a number of the brethren of Miramichi Lodge, I officially visited Northumberland Lodge and witnessed the conferring of the master's degree. There was a large attendance of members. The brethren at Newcastle are actively at work preparing for the erection of a new hall. On Friday evening, March 17, official visitation was made to Miramichi Lodge, Chatham, and we saw a portion of the work exemplified. On Saturday evening, March 18, official visitation was made to Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16, Richibucto, and the work was exemplified by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Carr and his officers. The lodges at Richibucto and Chatham, as well as that at Bathurst, have comfortable halls of their own and the interest manifested by the brethren was most gratifying. Our journey was undertaken at a time of the year when travelling was very unpleasant and it occupied eight days. This prevented us from visiting Restigouche Lodge, No. 25 at Dalhousie.

The brethren did all in their power to make our trip a pleasant one and they were quite successful. To many of them we were indebted for private courtesies, and the hospitality extended to us by the lodges at Bathurst and Richibucto will long be kindly remembered.

Fraternally yours,

Saint John, N. B., April 2, 1871. JOHN V. ELLIS, D. G. M.

From reports such as these and the formal returns to the office of the V. W. Grand Secretary, I have the satisfaction to learn that the utmost harmony has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and that while no appeals have been presented to me, the few decisions I have been called upon to make have not been of any great importance.

SPECIAL DECISION.

I should probably record one decision, however, made upon a subject which appears to be agitating several grand lodges of the United States and probably arising largely from the fact that that nation has lately been engaged in war. Enquiry was made by the W. M. of Victoria Lodge if a dispensation would issue to initiate a person who had lost his left arm. I refused to grant the dispensation. Masonic landmarks require "that a candidate shall be a man in the full enjoyment of all those faculties, organs, limbs and members, for the reception and imparting of masonic knowledge, and for a full compliance with all forms

and ceremonies in such reception and imparting, as practiced from time immemorial among masons." Obviously, the candidate proposed, unfortunately could not answer one of these requirements, although otherwise worthy. Since that decision I have received application for a dispensation to permit a candidate who has lost a foot, to be initiated. As the subject is of some importance I have remitted the question to the board of general purposes for their opinion.

THE RITUAL.

The ritual committee, having given protracted and careful study to the important duties confided to them and having informally reported to me, I had much pleasure in giving my sanction to the ritual as reported by them. They have faithfully preserved the text of the ritual of immemorial use in the craft; but where they discovered interpolations or errors in the monitorial or ceremonial parts of the work, they did not hesitate to expunge the one and correct the other.

The ritual as reported by them and sanctioned by this office, subject to your action, is therefore the only authorized version in this jurisdiction, and I sincerely trust masters and officers will carefully study it and see that, "by the instructive tongue and the attentive ear," it is preserved intact in the lodges.

You, my brothers, will be glad to learn that very full arrangements have been made for the perfect exemplication of the work at some convenient season during the present session of grand lodge, by Albion, Saint John's and Hibernia Lodges.

I sincerely hope the day is not far distant when the freemasons of this Dominion—may I not say of this Continent?—shall assemble in general convention, not only to interchange the greetings of our exalted fellowship and to take counsel of each other for the prosperity and perpetuity of the craft, but to unite upon one uniform and authorized ritual, that all our brethren may preserve the same traditions, speak the same language and perform the same ceremonies, and thereby illustrate the oneness and universality of freemasonry. Not that I hold the mere adoption of the same form of words so desirable, but I do think that as near as conveniently may be the same language should be employed; and by uniformity of work, the mason the more readily perceive the general features of his beloved institution as well abroad as at home.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

It was my intention to have considered at some length the question

of extending recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I shall, however, after mature deliberation, refrain from doing so. First, because the matter has been remitted by grand lodge to a large and very able committee, whose report I do not desire to anticipate ; and secondly and principally, because of the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada at its recent annual communication. It is but proper, however, that I should not withhold from you that I am led to take a view of this subject somewhat different from that of many of my brethren. It is well known that such distinguished masons as the present M. W. Grand Master of Canada, Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and the present M. W. Grand Master of Quebec, Bro. J. H. Graham—now so much at variance on this subject—united in the Grand Lodge of Canada, as far back as 1867, in the declaration, "that the best interests of masonry require the organization of a grand lodge in each of the four provinces now constituting the Dominion of Canada, being satisfied that this course would be strictly in accordance with the laws and regulations of freemasonry respecting the establishing of grand lodges, and believing that a more substantial union would thereby be secured," etc. It is nevertheless true that at this time, when a strange and unfortunate and very bitter difference of opinion has arisen, that each lodge and each mason should think for himself, at the same time holding his individual opinions subject to the decision of his grand lodge. It would serve no good purpose however, to discuss the question at length, as it divides itself under the two distinctive heads of "Unoccupied Masonic Territory" and "Grand Lodge Sovereignty." The case of Quebec was certainly largely an exceptional one, and by no means free from doubt, arising out of the political and constitutional changes of 1867 ; and, although it may be properly urged that masonic jurisprudence is neither governed nor regulated by political arrangements, or the geographical or territorial changes wrought by legislatures, nevertheless, the application of the general principles upon which all agree, becomes a work more difficult and delicate than under ordinary circumstances. I will not pursue the subject further, except to refer to the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which is at once fraternal and commendable, and will I trust, lead to an early reconciliation between our brethren in Upper Canada. At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a resolution was adopted by a large majority, which, after reciting the adherence of the grand lodge to its action of December 1869 and July 1870, declares that, "being desirous of re-establishing peace and good will and harmony amongst all masons of Canada, and of preventing

further trouble and complications, and being now of opinion that these objects can best be attained by the existence of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, properly organized, with the unanimous assent, if possible, and good feeling of all masons in that province, while, at the same time, the duties and obligations of this grand lodge towards the said loyal masons should not be disregarded; this grand lodge will give up and cede all the territory which it has occupied since 1855, in that part of Canada now constituting the Province of Quebec, make all just and financial settlements, remove all suspensions and do all such things as may become necessary, so soon as this grand lodge receives notice that a settlement or compromise, mutually satisfactory, shall have been effected between the masons residing in the Province of Quebec, who have been and are now loyal and faithful to this grand lodge on the one side, and the members of the so-called grand lodge on the other, in such manner as they may decide amongst themselves whilst acting in a true masonic spirit, and this grand lodge will not, for the present, take any further step or action of any kind whatever concerning the said so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec." Having adopted this course, it will be for you to determine whether any immediate action of recognition is desirable on your part. Of one thing however, we may be assured, that by the action already taken, the "Grand Lodge of Canada" and the "Grand Lodge of Quebec" will readily perceive that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has not been rash or hasty in its conclusions, or too precipitant to formally recognize or refuse to recognize the new grand lodge. For my own part, I think a grand lodge should always "make haste slowly" in a matter of such grave importance and declare its decision only after the maturest thought, and, as a general rule where differences have arisen, when all efforts or hopes of a truly masonic reconciliation are vain.

UNDUE PUBLICITY OF MASONIC PROCEEDINGS.

Before leaving this topic however, I cannot refrain from adding a general observation, partly suggested by the occurrences and circumstances connected with the unfortunate rupture among our Upper Canadian brethren. I say "partly," certainly not wholly suggested by them.

For many years I have noticed with pain and mortification that every disturbance of the harmony of masonry is published to the world in every form and by every means. And this, my brethren, not "by cowans and eaves droppers," nor yet by unworthy and unfaithful breth-

ren, but often under the sign manual of high officials and the solemn seal of a grand or subordinate lodge. In view of such facts I wish to speak with becoming respect, but to my mind they are painful manifestations of the greatest indiscretion, to use no harsher word. Edicts of suspension and expulsion (sometimes against illustrious brethren and issued on a disputed basis), votes of censure and condemnation, reports of internal discussions and dissensions, proceedings which display bitterness and acrimony as if they were choice masonic virtues, and all the untoward and unfortunate attendants upon rupture, schism and dispute are published to the world by masons in masonic and secular papers, to the scandal of masonry and the gratification of the profane. All old and tender associations, years of fraternal fellowship, and the past communion of the brethren in the legitimate paths of the craft are forgotten in the general turmoil, and the pen of every writer seems prepared to chronicle deeds which should never transpire or which, if unavoidable or necessary to the good discipline of the institution, should be held sacred from the gaze and the contemptuous cavilling of those beyond our pale. Surely there are avenues of communication within the craft by which its orders and decisions and proceedings can be communicated without recourse to the public newspaper. And when the day of reconciliation comes, as come it always does in our institution, how all desire that many things said had not been said, and how soon would all be forgotten, as it has already been forgiven, but that the printed page preserves it to the memory even of those most truly sorrowful for the past. The case of the differences between our Upper Canadian brethren afforded a very forcible example of the evil I deplore. And to add to the disputes, already sufficiently angry, we found voluminous and often anonymous letters of the bitterest correspondence, not only in the daily papers but in magazines professing to be devoted to the interests and care of the craft. It will be a happy hour for freemasonry when there is less publicity, indeed no publicity at all, given to these matters when they unfortunately arise, and when newspapers and periodicals are only recognized as channels for that pure masonic literature which may be perused with profit and preserved without pain to the craft.

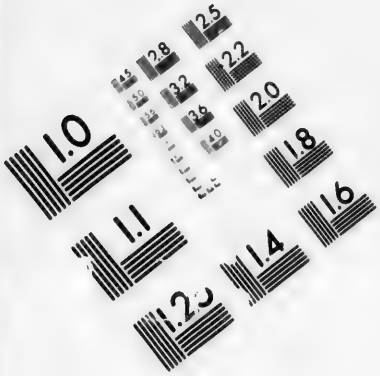
MASONIC TEMPLE.

The board of general purposes has, I am sure, given frequent and serious attention to this subject, and you will no doubt anxiously await their report. You will all be glad to learn if such steps have been taken as are reasonably likely to end in the completion of this work so

long desired by the craft. You will allow me therefore to make one observation here. Whatever may be done or aimed at by the board, and however wisely and zealously they may have labored, and however earnest we may all be in this undertaking, it cannot succeed, certainly not with such a success as we should all look for and desire, unless liberality characterize both lodges and individual masons. I do not mean liberality in mere money votes, I know already what has been done in this direction, and that I have no reason and therefore no right to doubt the masonic generosity of this city and jurisdiction; but I mean that liberality or generosity of sentiment and of speech which will constrain all to greater exertions and which will yield individual desires or predilections to the final decision of the constituted majority. In all such works difference of opinion and judgment must be expected, but it becomes masons while steadfastly holding personal views at the same time to be willing to lay them aside if the views of the brethren are in another channel. The end will then be speedily accomplished, our fraternity of feeling will not be marred by a single discordant sound, and each will strive with the other in the emulation of "who can best work and best agree," until the capstone is brought forth amidst the general joy.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

I regret exceedingly that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has not yet extended to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick official recognition. I did not fail fully to comprehend the terms and intention of the resolution of grand lodge passed at the last annual communication. I most cordially endorse the doctrine "that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is the supreme masonic authority in this province, and the existence of lodges therein not holding of this grand lodge ought no longer to be permitted." The grand master was at that time directed "to request the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland (from whom the one recusant lodge holds its warrant) to withdraw the same." At an early hour in our masonic year I took occasion, through the V. W. the Grand Secretary, to recall the attention of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to this subject. I regret that by some accident in the post office the letter of the grand secretary did not reach its destination in time for action to be taken upon it at the May quarterly session of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Assurances however came to us, that the matter would be considered immediately and that a proper and too long delayed recognition of the grand lodge follow. Such my brothers has not been the case. The correspondence on the table of the Grand Secretary will more fully



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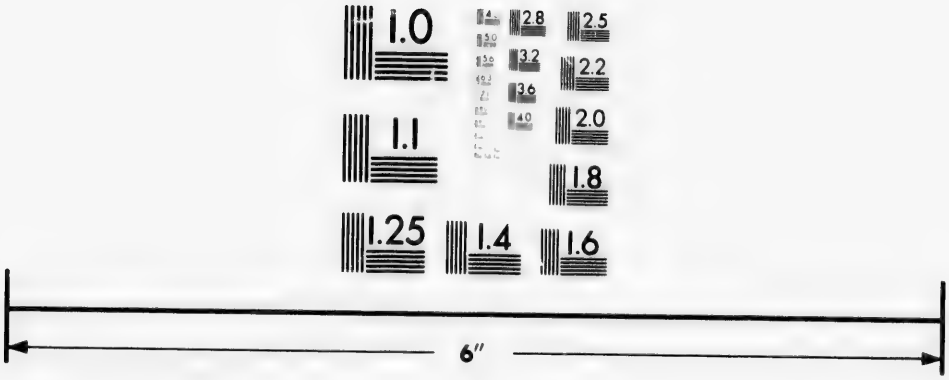

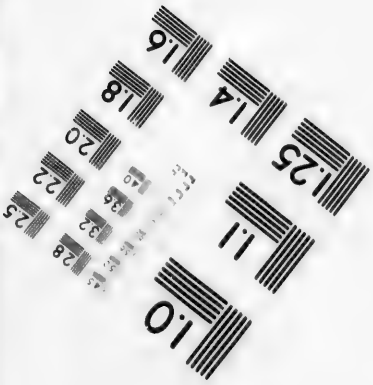

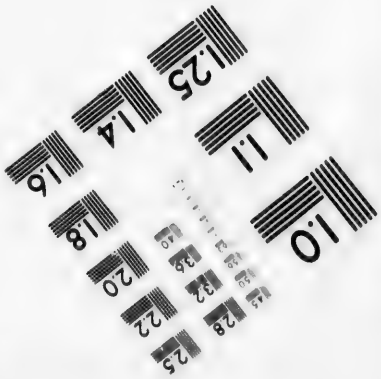

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detail the present position of the matter. The grand lodge reserved to itself the right to "direct its subordinates to hold no masonic connection with such lodges." It will be for you to consider whether a further delay shall be granted, or whether grand lodge shall not assert its sovereignty in this jurisdiction without further awaiting the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It is proper however to observe here, that this office has learned, not officially, that the lodge holding under Scottish warrant and the only outstanding lodge in the jurisdiction, has determined to avow its allegiance to this grand lodge. Should this be the case, in a very short time by influences the most peaceful grand lodge will have attained undisputed supremacy and the undivided loyalty of every mason in New Brunswick.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A petition for a dispensation to open Albert Lodge, to be located at Hopewell, was not complied with, as the requirements of the constitution and of this office were not properly met. I am not further advised of the intention of the promoters of that movement.

I had pleasure in granting to the V. W. the Grand Secretary a dispensation to "work" Emulation Lodge of Instruction. It would be well for the craft if many such lodges, conducted in the same eminently successful and satisfactory manner, were established in this jurisdiction.

I regretted that I was compelled to decline the kind invitation of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to take part in the celebration of the centenary anniversary of its erection.

I directed the V. W. the Grand Secretary to tender to the masons of Alabama the condolences of this office and of grand lodge upon the death of M. W. Bro. William P. Chilton, Grand Master.

Consequent upon the visit of the M. W. the Grand Master of England to Washington and Ottawa I tendered to him, through R. W. Bro. Clinch, P. G. M., and representative of the Grand Lodge of England, the masonic hospitalities of this city and jurisdiction. It was generally a matter of regret when it was announced that the M. W. the Grand Master of England could not accept them owing to the urgency of his official business at the capital.

I felt it incumbent upon me to notice suitably, through the V. W. the Grand Secretary, the very fraternal and generous attentions and kindnesses of the masons of Illinois to the widow, and their most zealous and masonic care and treatment of the remains, of late Bro. Henry Edgett, of Hibernia Lodge, who died while within the jurisdiction of the

Grand Lodge of Illinois. Such splendid exemplifications of the universality of masonic charity are calculated to make us love the craft with a deeper affection, and justify us in claiming for our institution a standard of excellence far higher than that of any other society of human origin.

I have received application for a warrant to issue to Lebanon Lodge No.—, which has been working under my dispensation at Sackville, since the 19th day of May last. The evidences furnished by the brethren are to my mind satisfactory, as to their full compliance with constitutional requirements.

Other matters—principally of a routine character—might be referred to, but as all the papers and correspondence are on the table of the grand secretary, they may be referred to without further reference by me.

AT REST.

It is my solemn and melancholy duty, my brothers, to record officially here the death of the late

R. W. James Robertson, Past Senior Grand Warden,
V. W. Rev. William Donald, D. D., Grand Chaplain,
W. John Boyer, Past Grand Tyler,

who have been gathered to their fathers and have entered upon rest, since our last annual communication. Little need there is, however, for eulogy or memorial to you who faithfully cherish their many virtues and accomplishments, and their unswerving loyalty to the craft.

Few among us can claim to have evinced a warmer and more untiring devotion and attachment to masonry than characterized the lives of our departed brethren, and in no way were these more conspicuous than in their steady and affectionate attendance on the duties and pleasures of grand lodge membership.

R. W. Bro. Robertson departed this life on the 16th day of January last. Many years of his life were marked by his masonic character. Ever a mason, in the sterling sense of the word, his removal was the occasion of unfeigned and profound sorrow As the solemn offices which our institution pays to its revered dead were desired, I felt it a justice to his memory that grand lodge should perform every tribute of love and respect to his mortal remains. Kindly affectioned, full of experience, warm in his attachments, his place will long remain vacant. Where masons hands pillowed his head to its last slumber, beneath the clustering emblems of man's immortality, he awaits the final consum-

mation of all things, while we preserve ever green the memory of his worth and the excellency of his masonic life.

V. W. Bro. Donald died on the 20th day of February last. Although many may date their initiation into our mysteries far back beyond that of our reverend and venerable brother, few have evinced a deeper or as enthusiastic a love for the craft. By the guilelessness and gentleness of his intercourse, the unassuming wisdom of his counsels, his devoted interest in grand lodge, he made a mark upon our masonic history and hearts which can only be forgotten when life ceases. You my brothers, will vividly remember his last attendance upon the sacred duties of the grand chaplaincy. His eye lighted with fraternal enthusiasm which years could not dim, his step turned towards our altar with a buoyancy which the feebleness of age could not impede, and yet, even then the grim hand of disease was visibly upon him and the inexorable messenger was at the outer door. I need not prolong words upon his worth. He who so often and so zealously pointed us to the dark valley and taught us how to approach it—who knew so well and wisely the value of that "immortal part which shall survive the grave"—needs neither storied urn nor posthumous praise from us who learned of him, and no far-reaching faith is required to think of him as enjoying the eternal refreshment and benediction of the Celestial Lodge.

W. Brother Boyer died on the 26th day of February last and was buried with masonic ceremony by Albion Lodge, having been for 56 years a mason of unsullied record. We all knew the gentle old man to love him, as he welcomed us with the same kind smile at the outer door year after year, until it became almost a strange innovation to see another tyler in his place. Very feeble and tottering were his steps at last as he descended the third stage of human life, and yet, with what affectionate solicitude the craft nursed him when his mind knew not the brother-hand that tended him, as the shadows lengthened and grew dim in the mists of the eventide; and how solemn and sincere were the testimonials of sorrow when the bell tolled his passage to the grave.

Brethren, you appreciate with me the sad loss we have in common sustained. Yet these instances of mortality should impel us to the more faithful discharge of the increased duties which devolve on us who survive them. But while we are thus compelled to remember that those fond ties which bound them so closely and so tenderly to us have been sundered, and "the silver cord loosed," we may gather from the graves of the departed, inspiration for the work of the hour and rekindle our faith and hope with the quiet assurance of our sublime

ritual, that the grave cannot contain them—death cannot hold them; but that they shall pass triumphantly to that "house not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

And now, my brothers, I will no longer detain you from the duties of this annual session. As the supreme authority and legislature of the fraternity in this province, you rightly apprehend the cares and responsibilities resting upon you. The jurisdiction looks to you for wise counsel, encouragement and its law. I sincerely trust that from your hands will issue such decisions as shall redound to the honor and progress and perpetuity of the craft.

WM. WEDDERBURN,
Grand Master.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That the portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address alluding to the deaths of the late Bros. James Robertson, Rev. Dr. Donald and John Boyer be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

Whereupon the following were appointed such committee:

W. Bro. J. G. Forbes, R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters and W. Bro. Robert Marshall.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary submitted his annual report and account as follows:—

Grand Secretary's Report.

To the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:—

The grand secretary begs respectfully to report, that the receipts of his office during the past year have been $1,191.96 on the following accounts:—

Registration Fees,	$248 00
Certificates,	221 50
Annual Dues,	688 80
Dispensations for Degrees, &c.,	12 90
Dispensation for a New Lodge,	15 00
Constitutions,	5 76
Total,	$1,191 96

which have been duly paid to the grand treasurer and an account in detail furnished the board of general purposes.

The returns for 1870 from the respective lodges have all been received and exhibit the work, etc., of the year as follows :—

Number Initiated,	217
" passed,	210
" raised,	211
" joined,	53
" re-instated,	7
" withdrawn,	84
" died,	19
" suspended,	7
Total number of members,	1751

Twenty-one dispensations were issued during the past year, under the authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, for the following purposes :—

To confer degrees at short periods,	12
" bury deceased brethren,	2
" wear regalia in public,	4
" ballot for a bro. in the absence of a Dimit, etc.	1
" establish a lodge of instruction,	1
" open a new lodge,	1
Total	21

Four hundred copies of the proceedings of the last annual communication were printed under the direction of the board of general purposes, three copies of which were forwarded to each grand lodge and six copies to each lodge in the jurisdiction, while single copies were sent to the editors of masonic periodicals and to applying brethren in distant localities.

The grand secretary has received copies of the printed proceedings of nearly every sister grand lodge, from which a vast amount of useful and interesting masonic information is to be gleaned.

He has also received, from the editors or publishers, several periodicals published in the interests of freemasonry.

In accordance with the order of last grand lodge, he directed circulars to the respective lodges, requiring them to furnish him with copies of their warrants and by-laws under the new constitution. Only two lodges have failed to send in their by-laws, viz.: Carleton Union, No.

8, and Zetland, No. 24, and four have neglected to furnish copies o their warrants, viz.: Sussex, No. 4, Alley, No. 14, Keith, No. 23 and Restigouche, No. 25.

The by-laws received have been approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, and the warrants have been copied into a register prepared for the purpose.

The returns of lodges for the year 1870 have all been sent in by the proper officers and the fees and dues thereon promptly paid. In some instances—no doubt from inattention to the requirements of the constitution—returns have to be sent back for explanation or correction; but in a large majority of cases, they are systematically and accurately made up; and in this connection the grand secretary has pleasure in noting the readiness and promptness with which the masters and secretaries, when called upon, attend to all matters between their several lodges and the grand lodge. Such cordiality and good feeling are worthy of record and tend to lighten the duties of his office, and cement a true and genuine masonic feeling in the business affairs of the jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Cash received from	Albion Lodge,	No. 1,	$106	00
" "	St. John's,	" 2,	66	80
" "	Hibernia,	" 3,	99	30
" "	St. Mark's,	" 5,	38	30
" "	Solomon's,	" 6,	37	00
" "	Sussex,	" 7,	60	00
" "	Carleton Union,	" 8,	62	40
" "	Midian,	" 9,	12	00
" "	Union of Portland,	" 10,	107	90
" "	Woodstock,	" 11,	56	30
" "	St. George,	" 12,	59	90
" "	Corinthian,	" 13,	11	20
" "	Alley,	" 14,	31	00
" "	Howard,	" 15,	29	20
" "	St. Andrew,	" 16,	33	00
" "	Northumberland,	" 17,	68	76
" "	Miramichi,	" 18,	31	00

Cash received from	Leinster,	" 19,	48 10	
" "	Salisbury,	" 20,	12 40	
" "	Zion,	" 21,	24 40	
" "	New Brunswick Lodge,	" 22,	60 30	
" "	Keith,	" 23,	22 90	
" "	Zetland,	" 24,	17 60	
" "	Restigouche,	" 25,	20 50	
" "	Victoria,	" 26,	60 70	
" "	Lebanon,	U. D.,	15 00	
				$1,191 96

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May 16,	Cash paid Grand Treasurer,	$600 00	
Sept. 8,	" "	500 00	
Sept. 21,	" "	91 96	
			$1,191 96

WM. F. BUNTING,

Saint John, N. B., 21st Sept., 1871. Grand Secretary.

The V. W. the Grand Treasurer presented his annual account, as follows :—

W. H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Balance in bank as per account rendered Sept. 15, 1870	$1,039 35	
Cash received from grand secretary,	1,191 96	
		$2,231 31

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Order 54—Grand Secretary, salary,	$ 300 00
" 55—Donation Carleton Union Lodge,	100 00
" 56—Donation Northumberland Lodge,	100 00
" 57—Henry Brown, tyling,	7 00
" 58—Dingee Scribner, tyling,	4 00
" 59—Insurance on grand lodge regalia,	9 00
" 60—Albion Lodge on account of loan,	318 00
" 61—E. Evans, repairs on box,	50
" 62—Knox & Thompson, repairs,	2 00
" 63—Magee Bros. ribbon,	60
" 64—M. Blackall, coach hire,	2 00
" 65—Volunteer band, services,	30 00
" 66—Manchester, Robertson & Allison, crape, etc.,	15 39

Order 67—Magee Bros., silk and fringe,.....	27 23		
" 68—H. Chubb & Co., printing, etc.,.....	115 00		
" 69—Albion Lodge, balance due on loan,....	309 00		
" 70—John Livingstone, advertising,.....	4 90		
" 71—E. Evans, tin case,.....	1 00		
" 72—Hall Committee, one year's rent, etc.,	20 00		
" 73—J. T. C. McKean, engrossing address,	5 00		
" 74—Grand Secretary, postage account,.....	26 28		
" 75—Evening Globe, advertising,.....	14 30		
" 76—Expenses official visit to Bathurst, etc.,	67 13		
" 77—Geo. E. Fairweather, engrossing warrant,.....	6 60		
" 78—Expenses official visit to Fredericton,..	11 10		
" 79—C. E. Potter, photograph frames,.....	5 75		
" 80—Willis & Davis, advertising,.....	5 00		
	$1,506 78		
Balance deposited in bank,.....	724 53		
			$2,231 31

W. H. A. KEANS,
Saint John, N. B., Sept., 1871. Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the reports of the grand secretary and grand treasurer be received and entered in the minutes.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, as president of the board of general purposes, submitted the annual report of the board, as follows :—

Board of General Purposes.

GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SAINT JOHN, N. B., Sept., 1871.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

The board of general purposes submit the following report :—

1. In accordance with the constitution of the grand lodge, the members of the board of general purposes have met from time to time, since the last annual communication of grand lodge and have endeavored faithfully to discharge the various duties that were devolved upon them. The harmonious and fraternal spirit which has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction in the past twelve months, has rendered the labors of the board comparatively light. No disputes of any kind have arisen, requiring settlement by the board, either between lodges or members.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

2. W. Bro. Alfred A. Stockton, P. M. of Leinster Lodge, No. 19, was unanimously elected vice-president of the board.

UNION.

3. In presenting their annual report for the year, the members of the board feel justified in congratulating grand lodge at the position of the craft within its jurisdiction. Not only have progress and harmony characterized the labors of the lodges, but the important result has at length been reached of a fraternity one and indivisible—the authority of the grand lodge being now recognized by every private lodge within the province. At the session of 1870 there were two lodges still holding a foreign allegiance. Soon after the close of that session, Saint John Lodge, Bathurst, returned its warrant and was formally constituted by warrant from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. Within the past month Saint Andrew's Lodge, Fredericton, also on Scottish registry, voted to surrender its warrant and the board understand the members will apply for a warrant from grand lodge at the present session. This result is gratifying in itself. It is still more gratifying to reflect that the union under one jurisdiction has been quietly and harmoniously accomplished without coercive measures or even violent or unpleasant discussion. The truly masonic spirit in which this work has been carried on and ended, is a bright omen of peace and prosperity in the future.

INSURANCE.

4. The grand secretary, under the direction of the board, has effected insurance to the amount of $1200 on the regalia and other property of the grand lodge.

PROCEEDINGS PUBLISHED.

5. Four hundred copies of the proceedings of grand lodge at its last annual communication were printed in the usual style and uniform with the issue of previous years, under direction of the grand master and the grand secretary, and were distributed in the usual way.

PRESENT TO CARLETON UNION LODGE.

6. The board, on behalf of grand lodge, presented to Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, for their new hall, one of the large photographs of the Grand Lodge of Canada, two copies of which were in possession of grand lodge.

THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

7. Shortly after the last annual session, action was taken upon the circular from the grand orient of France, asking contributions to a fund for the relief of sufferers, of all nationalities, in the war between France and Prussia, which circular had been referred by grand lodge to the board. The grand secretary was directed to address the different lodges upon the subject. Several of them responded to the appeal made, and from lodges Nos. 5, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 24, the sum of $118 was received. The board decided to make the amount up to one thousand francs and remit it to the grand orient. Before however, steps could be taken to this end, Paris was declared in a state of siege, and the only means of communication with it were by pigeons or balloon post. Immediately after the siege the city fell into the hands of the Commune, and as disorder appeared to reign supreme, the board thought it better to end the matter by returning to the lodges the sums they had sent in. This was done by the grand secretary.

INSTRUCTION.

8. The matter of instruction has also seriously occupied the attention of the board. At its last session, grand lodge appropriated the sum of $200 towards the expenses of any person who might be chosen to instruct the lodges. The grand secretary was directed by the board to address a circular to the private lodges, calling their attention to this grant, asking them to name the amount they each would contribute towards the part payment of an instructor, and informing them that applications for his services would be considered according to their priority, and that his services could be retained for a period of time

regulated by the amount of their contribution. Only four of the lodges in the jurisdiction responded favorably to this call, viz.: Nos. 11, 18, 20 and 25. The three former offered to aid the fund. The latter applied directly for an instructor and offered $50 for his services, but required that he should be sent before the close of February. It was impossible to procure a competent brother to leave his home at that season of the year and undertake a journey of 277 miles to Dalhousie, and the request of the lodge has not been complied with up to the present time. The board however, looking at the peculiar circumstances of the craft on the North Shore, have had under consideration the advisability, at some convenient season of the year, of opening a lodge of instruction, by approval of the M. W. the Grand Master, at a point which might be easily reached by the lodges in that section of the province, and they hope before another year elapses that this will be accomplished.

It having come to the notice of the board that an unauthorized person had received payment from at least one lodge for instructing them in the ritual, the board directed the grand secretary to notify all lodges that it was improper to engage the services of any paid instructor, except he was authorized by the grand master or the board of general purposes.

FINANCIAL.

9. Grand Lodge, financially, is in an excellent position. The amount borrowed from Lodge No. 1 has been paid off. Grand lodge is free from debt and there is a handsome balance on hand. The report of the sub-committee of audit is as follows :—

ST. JOHN, N. B., Sept. 23, 1871.

The sub-committee of the board appointed to audit the accounts and examine the books of the grand secretary and grand treasurer for the past masonic year 1870-71, report that they have carefully attended to that duty and find the accounts correct and the books carefully and systematically kept.

The grand treasurer's receipts during 1870-71, were $1,191 96, making with the balance of $1 039 35 on hand from last year, a total of $2,231 31. The payments made during the year were $1,506 78, leaving on hand deposited in the bank $724 53.

The receipts of the grand secretary's office during 1870-71 were $1,191 96, which correspond with the payments to grand treasurer, for which due credit is given in the accounts of that office.

The expenses of grand lodge for 1870-71, amount to $1,506 78, which exceeds the expenses of the previous year by $143 72. It should be borne in mind, however, that in the expenditures is included $627, the amount of loan, with interest, refunded to Albion Lodge. The ordinary expenses of grand lodge would, therefore,

be less than the previous year by $183 28, even if some expenses for outfits last year be taken into account.

The sub-committee note with satisfaction that the lodges have paid due attention to the payments of grand lodge charges.

The grand secretary submits the receipts and the grand treasurer the expenditures in detail.

EDWARD WILLIS, }
JOHN D. SHORT, } Audit Committee.

THE PROPOSED HALL.

10. When grand lodge met in annual session last year, the board was in negotiation with the trustees of the grammar school for the purchase of the property corner of Germain and Horsfield streets. Various circumstances prevented the trustees from giving an early decision and several months in the present masonic year had elapsed before they made up their minds not to sell. At last the board entered into negotiation with Mr. James U. Thomas, agent of Mr. F. A. Wiggins, for the purchase of a lot on Germain street, which was said to be 62½ feet wide and 200 feet deep, for the sum of $8,000, and the terms of purchase were agreed upon. Whilst the papers were being prepared it was found that the lot was three feet less in width than at first stated. This caused further delay; but the negotiations now proceeding will, the board believe, end in securing the property at the width named. In the meantime much has been accomplished in another direction. The lodges have been appealed to to subscribe shares in a company to erect a building at a cost of about $30,000. This appeal has been promptly, liberally and heartily met, and enough available cash has been placed at the disposal of the board to cover an advance sufficient to secure the lot, and the subject, generally, has received such an impetus that longer delay is impossible. There is an absolute certainty that, at an early day, the craft in the City of Saint John will be in possession of a building to meet all its requirements, and creditable alike to the fraternity and to the city. In view of its early progress, the board has much pleasure in recommending grand lodge, at its present session, to vote such amount as it may deem advisable in aid of the hall.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS, D. G. M.,
President Board General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the report of the board of general purposes be received and one hundred copies printed for the use of grand lodge.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That so much of the address of the M. W. the Grand Master as refers to the installation of the worshipful masters of lodges in the City of Saint John be referred to a committee to report thereon.

Whereupon the worshipful masters of the lodges interested in the foregoing resolution were appointed such committee.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. B. L. Peters, Past G. M., and

Resolved, That the election of grand lodge officers take place to-morrow at 12 o'clock, noon, and the installation proceed thereafter as soon as the grand master may appoint.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, from festival committee appointed during the recess, reported that arrangements were made for a dinner at the Victoria Hotel, on Thursday evening, the 28th instant.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,

27th September, 1871.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

An application was received from Lebanon Lodge, under dispensation, for a warrant of constitution.

Whereupon it was moved by W. Bro. Jas. McNichol, Jr., Past G. P., and

Resolved, That the application be referred to a committee to report thereon.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed W. Bros. James McNichol, Jr., Mark N. Powers and Charles U. Hanford a committee on warrants.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, from committee appointed at the last annual communication on the question of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, submitted the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:—

The committee to whom was referred at the last annual communication of grand lodge that part of the address of M. W. Grand Master Peters, with reference to the circumstances connected with the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, report:—

That while the whole subject brought before this grand lodge in the grand master's address at the last annual communication, was under the consideration of your committee, they found that at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada a resolution was adopted by that grand lodge with a view to an amicable and fraternal settlement of the question.

That the resolution so adopted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada is as follows:—

"That this grand lodge while re-affirming its former opinion expressed at the Montreal and Toronto meetings, December 1869 and July 1870, as to the illegality of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and although no valid reason has ever existed for the disruption of this grand lodge in the manner attempted by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec; but being desirous of re-establishing peace and good will and harmony amongst all the masons of Canada, and of preventing further trouble and complications, and being now of opinion that these objects can best be obtained by the existence of a grand lodge for the Province of Quebec, properly organized, with the unanimous assent, if possible, and good feeling of all the masons in that province, while at the same time the duties and obligations of this grand lodge towards the same loyal masons should not be disregarded; this grand lodge will give up and cede all the territory which it has occupied since 1855 in that part of Canada constituting the Province of Quebec, make all just and proper financial settlements, remove all suspensions and do all such things as may become necessary so soon as the grand lodge receives notice that a settlement or compromise, mutually satisfactory, has been effected between the masons residing in the Province of Quebec who have been and are now faithful to this grand lodge on the side, and the members of the so-called grand lodge on the other, in such manner as they may decide amongst themselves whilst acting in a true masonic spirit; and this grand lodge will not for the present take any further step or action of any kind whatever concerning the said so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec."

As a consequence of this resolution a committee of the masons representing the lodges in the Province of Quebec adhering to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and a committee of the board of general purposes of the Grand Lodge in Quebec have met each other and they are now endeavoring, with every prospect of success, to bring about a settlement that will be satisfactory to both parties.

Finding therefore that the hope expressed by the grand master in his address referred to us, "that the differences unhappily existing might within the body of the Grand Lodge of Canada itself be reconciled and adjusted," is likely to be realized, and believing that satisfactory settlement of all disputed questions will be speedily secured, your committee are of opinion and recommend to grand lodge, that no action should be taken by this grand lodge with reference to the Quebec question at the present communication.

JOHN V. ELLIS,
R. T. CLINCH,
B. LESTER PETERS,
JOHN RICHARDS,
W. F. BUNTING,
J. MCNICHOL, JR.

Whereupon it was moved by the V. W. the Grand Treasurer, and

Resolved, That the report be received and adopted.

A motion offered by W. Bro. Murray, P. M. Lodge No. 1, to reconsider the foregoing resolution was negatived.

It was moved by W. Bro. Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That grand lodge hereby agrees to take stock to the amount of one thousand dollars towards the erection of the contemplated masonic hall, payable in three annual payments.

The committee on warrants submitted the following report which, on motion of W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past A.G.D.C., was ordered to be accepted and the recommendation adopted:

Report.

St. John, N. B., September 27th, 1871.

To the M. W. Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A. M.:—

The committee appointed to take into consideration the application of Lebanon Lodge, working under a dispensation at Sackville, asking that a warrant of constitution be issued to them, beg to report, that they have carefully attended to that duty and recommend that a warrant of constitution be granted to the petitioners.

Jas. McNichol, Jr.,
Chas. U. Hanford,
M. N. Powers.

W. Bro. Powers, P. M. Lodge No. 3, submitted a notice to amend the constitution, as follows:—

I hereby give notice that at the next annual communication of grand lodge I will move the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the board of general purposes do consist of one member from each lodge in the province, and [ ] constitute a quorum.

M. N. Powers.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until seven o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

27th September, 1871.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

R. W. Bro. Peters, Past G. M., reported that the ritual committee had, during the recess, carefully considered all matters remitted to them at the last annual communication, and were now prepared to submit to grand lodge, the results of their labor. The committee had arranged to exhibit a full exemplification of the work:—that of the E. A. Degree

by the worshipful master and officers of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3; the F. C. by Saint John's Lodge, No. 2; and the M. M. by Albion Lodge, No. 1; and he now requested that grand lodge take a recess to witness the work of the E. A. and M. M. Degrees.

During the recess the ritual of the first degree was fully exemplified by the W. M. and officers of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, and that of the third degree by the W. M. and officers of Albion Lodge, No. 1.

Grand Lodge was called to order and thereafter called from labor until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING.

28th September, 1871.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 10 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

It was moved by W. Bro. I. W. Doherty, P. M. Lodge No. 16, and

Resolved, That in consideration of the losses sustained by Lodge Saint Andrew, No. 16, grand lodge donate from its funds the sum of one hundred dollars, to aid in liquidating the debt upon the hall recently erected by the lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. C. Murray, P. M. of Lodge No. 1, and

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of the board of general purposes, to enable it to subscribe to periodicals, bind books and preserve documents in the grand secretary's office.

W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, P. M. Lodge No. 2, gave the following notice to amend the constitution:

I give notice that I will move at the next annual communication of

grand lodge, that the fee for initiation of candidates in subordinate lodges be limited to forty dollars for the city and twenty-five dollars for country lodges, as the lowest sum for initiation.

JOS. C. HATHEWAY.

Pursuant to the order of the day, grand lodge proceeded to the election of the elective officers for the ensuing year.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed as Scrutineers, W. Bros. John Wallace, P. M. Lodge No. 15, Wm. C. Morissey, P. M. Lodge No. 10 and David Martin, P. M. Lodge No. 3.

The regulations of the constitution relative to the election of officers were read;

Whereupon, the following brethren were nominated and unanimously elected by acclamation, viz:—

M. W. Grand Master,.....	Bro.	WILLIAM WEDDERBURN.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master,..	"	JOHN V. ELLIS.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden,..	"	WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden,.	"	ISAAC W. DOHERTY.
V. W. Grand Chaplain,.....	"	REV. HOWARD SPRAGUE.
V. W. Grand Treasurer,.....	"	WM. H. A. KEANS.
W. Grand Tyler,.....	"	DINGEE SCRIBNER.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

28th September, 1871.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at half-past two o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

It was moved by W. Bro. E. Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That if during the interim between the present annual

session and the next annual session of this grand lodge, the differences between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec be amicably settled, the M. W. Grand Master of this grand lodge is hereby duly empowered to tender fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The M. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, Grand Master re-elected, was obligated, invested and installed by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Past Grand Master, and was saluted and proclaimed "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz.:—

V. W. William F. Bunting,...Grand Secretary.
W. John Wallace,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Thomas J. Robinson,....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. George F. Stickney,....Grand Director Ceremonies.
W. Allen McN. Travis,....Ass't G. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. Charles Carr,.....Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Thomas F. Gillespie,...Grand Standard Bearer.
W. Henry Card,.....Grand Organist.
W. Henry Duffell,.....Grand Pursuivant.
W. Charles D. Thomson,...Grand Steward.
W. Henry G. Hunt,..... "
W. William J. Logan,..... "
W. Stephen W. Palmer,... "
W. Harry Beckwith,..... "
W. William Vaughan,..... "
W. Uriah Drake,..... "
W. Charles U. Hanford,... "
W. Asaph G. Blakslee,..... "
W. William R. Russell,... "
W. Samuel McKean,..... "
W. William C. Morissey,.. "

The office-bearers, elected and appointed, were installed, invested and proclaimed.

The following brethren were appointed to the board of general purpose for the ensuing year:—

R. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Past Grand Master.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,....Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS,.....Past Junior Grand Warden.
W. ALFRED A. STOCKTON,...Past Master Lodge No. 19.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,..Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Past Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. DAVID MAIN,.....Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Past Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARK N. POWERS,.....Past Master Lodge No. 3.
W. THOMAS IRVING,.....Past Junior Grand Deacon.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the thanks of grand lodge be conveyed to the Union de Molay Encampment, K. T., for their courtesy in granting the use of the hall for this evening.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until seven o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING,

28th September, 1871.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The committee appointed to report upon the portion of the annual address of the M.W. the Grand Master relative to

the death of grand lodge officers, submitted the following :—

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick :—

The committee to whom was referred that part of the address of the M. W. the Grand Master relating to the loss sustained by the fraternity in the death of distinguished and faithful brethren during the past masonic year, submit to grand lodge resolutions thereon.

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick records the sorrow of the fraternity in this jurisdiction at the lamented death of R. W. Bro. James Robertson, Past Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. Bro. Robertson as an active member of society and a zealous mason deserved and enjoyed the affection of his brethren and the respect of the community at large. Beloved by all within the social circle; upright, honest and manly in the discharge of civil duties; active, energetic and devoted in masonic life, R. W. Bro. Robertson exhibited to the craft and to the world an example worthy of imitation. His masonic worth and works live in the affectionate remembrance of the fraternity.

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick in the death of the V. W. Bro. the Rev. Wm. Donald, D. D., late Grand Chaplain, mourns the loss of an honored, a venerated and a learned brother, who in his position as a Christian pastor recognized and asserted the mission of freemasonry in advancing the cause of universal benevolence.

Pre-eminently distinguished by gentleness and courtesy, he was yet firm in denouncing and exposing wrong. Beloved by the people among whom he ministered, respected by the community in which he lived, venerated by the fraternity over whom he exercised the sacred authority of a guide and instructor, all saw and acknowledged his good works done for the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. Thus after a long life devoted to his Master's service, full of years and honors, he has passed to his reward.

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick have heard with sorrow the announcement of the death of W. Bro. John Boyer, late Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge.

That this grand lodge desires to place on record the high estimation in which Bro. Boyer was held by the fraternity in this city. As tyler of city lodges, faithfully performing the duties and fulfilling the responsibilities attaching to the trust reposed in him, Bro. Boyer furnished, during a long life of service to the craft, an example of the esteem which the unostentatious and loyal performance of masonic duty wins for the faithful brother.

Your committee recommend that, as an evidence of the respect of this grand lodge for the memory of our departed brothers, suitable

memorial pages be entered on the records of grand lodge, and published with the proceedings of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Gordon Forbes.
B. Lester Peters.
Robert Marshall.

28th September, 1871.

Whereupon it was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, Past G. M., and

Resolved, That the report be received and the recommendations of the committee agreed to.

It was moved by W. Bro. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That during the recess, the M. W. the Grand Master shall, if he deem it advisable, appoint a committee to make arrangements for a festival at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

Grand Lodge took a recess for the purpose of witnessing the work of the F. C. degree by the worshipful master and officers of Saint John's Lodge, No. 2; after which grand lodge was called to order again.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved Unanimously, That the work exemplified during the current session by Albion, Saint John's and Hibernia Lodges, be the work and ritual of this jurisdiction;

And Further Resolved, That the respective lodges are hereby required to make themselves fully acquainted with it and to practice it for the time to come.

It was moved by W. Bro. Charles Carr, G. S. B., and

Resolved, That a ritual committee be appointed, who shall be custodians of the work.

Whereupon the former ritual committee was re-appointed, viz.: M. W. the Grand Master; R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P.

G. M.; R. W. the Deputy Grand Master; V. W. the Grand Secretary; W. Bro. A. A. Stockton, P. M., and W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, P. M.

Grand Lodge, having disposed of all business before it, was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy:

In Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

James Robertson,

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN,

16th day of January, A. D. 1871.

"Kindly affectioned, full of experience, warm in his attachments, his place will long remain vacant. Where mason hands pillowed his head to its last slumber beneath the clustering emblems of man's immortality, he awaits the final consummation of all things, while we preserve *ever green* the memory of his worth and the excellency of his masonic life."—*Grand Master's Address.*

In Memory of

VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Rev. Wm. Donald, D. D.,

GRAND CHAPLAIN,

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN

20th day of February, A. D. 1871.

"He who so often and so zealously pointed us to the dark valley and taught us how to approach it, who knew so well and wisely the value of that immortal part which shall survive the grave, needs neither storied urn nor posthumous praise from us who learned of him; and no far-reaching faith is required to think of him as enjoying the eternal refreshment and benediction of the celestial lodge."

—*Grand Master's Address.*

In Memory of

Brother John Boyer,

PAST GRAND TYLER,

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN

26th day of February, A. D. 1871,

"A mason of unsullied record for 56 years. We all knew the gentle old man to love him as he welcomed us with the same kind smile at the outer door year after year, until it became almost a strange innovation to see another tyler in his place. Very feeble and tottering were his steps at last as he descended the third stage of human life, and yet with what affectionate solicitude the craft nursed him when his mind knew not the brother-hand that tended him, as the shadows lengthened and grew dim in the mists of the eventide, and how solemn and sincere were the testimonials of sorrow when the bell tolled his passage to the grave."—*Grand Master's Address.*

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27th DECEMBER 1870.

No. Lodge	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Time of Regular Communication.	Initiated	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Suspended.	Exclu'ed.	Reinstated.	No. Membrs.
1	Albion,	Saint John,	First Friday in each Month,	17	15	15	....	7	....	....	....	....	180
2	Saint John's,	"	First Tuesday in each Month,	11	10	10	1	10	....	....	....	1	107
3	Hibernia,	"	Second Tuesday in each Month,	21	21	18	1	9	....	....	....	....	142
4	Sussex,	Dorchester,	Thursday on or after Full Moon,	2	2	2	1	1	....	....	....	....	46
5	Saint Mark's,	St. Andrews,	First Thursday in each Month,	6	7	7	2	3	2	....	....	....	57
6	Solomon's,	Fredericton,	Second Tuesday in each Month,	5	5	4	2	10	3	....	....	....	59
7	Sussex,	St. Stephen,	First Wednesday in each Month,	13	14	15	2	3	3	....	....	....	74
8	Carleton Union,	Carleton,	First Thursday in each Month,	10	9	12	....	3	....	....	....	1	106
9	Midian,	Clifton,	Second Tuesday in each Month,	1	2	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	25
10	Union of Portland,	Saint John,	Third Thursday in each Month,	23	21	21	2	1	3	2	....	....	151
11	Woodstock,	Woodstock,	First Wednesday in each Month,	13	9	8	3	10	....	....	....	2	67
12	Saint George,	Saint George,	First Tuesday in each Month,	15	15	16	1	1	....	....	....	1	65
13	Corinthian,	Hampton,	Wednesday on or after Full Moon,	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	23
14	Alley,	Upper Mills,	First Thursday in each Month,	2	2	2	....	13	2	1	....	....	59
15	Howard,	Hillsborough	First Tuesday in each Month,	4	3	3	....	1	2	1	....	....	53
16	Saint Andrew,	Richibucto,	Monday on or after Full Moon,	1	2	4	1	....	1	1	....	....	75
17	Northumberland,	Newcastle,	Second Tuesday in each Month,	15	12	11	3	1	....	....	....	1	69
18	Miramichi,	Chatham,	Third Tuesday in each Month,	4	4	3	1	3	1	....	....	....	55
19	Leinster,	Saint John,	Second Friday in each Month,	9	10	12	3	1	1	....	....	....	59
20	Salisbury,	Salisbury,	First Tuesday in each Month,	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	26
21	Zion,	Sussex,	Wednesday before Full Moon,	4	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	38
22	New Brunswick,	Saint John,	Second Thursday in each Month,	14	14	14	2	2	....	2	....	....	77
23	Keith,	Moncton,	Thursday on or after New Moon,	3	3	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	36
24	Zetland,	Shediac,	Third Wednesday in each Month,	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	34
25	Restigouche,	Dalhousie,	Tuesday on or after full moon,	4	7	7	1	2	....	....	....	....	30
26	Victoria,	Milltown,	Second Thursday in each month,	17	16	15	24	3	....	....	....	....	38
				217	210	211	53	84	19	7	....	7	1751

List of Sister Grand Lodges, with the names and addressess of Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California,	Alexander G. Abell,	San Francisco.
Canada,	Thos. Bird Harris,	Hamilton.
Colorada,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Georgetown.
Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Delaware,	John P. Allmond,	Wilmington
District of Columbia,	Noble D. Larner,	Washington.
England,	John Hervey,	London.
Florida,	DeWitt C. Dawkins,	Jacksonville.
France,	F. Thevenot,	Paris.
Georgia,	J. Emmett Blackshear,	Macon.
Illinois,	Orlin H. Miner,	Springfield.
Idaho,	H. E. Prickett,	Boise City.
Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Theodore S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Ireland,	Charles T. Walmisley,	Dublin.
Kansas,	John H. Brown,	Leavenworth.
Kentucky,	J. M. S. McCorkle,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	James C. Batchelor,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachussetts,	Charles H. Titus,	Boston.
Michigan,	James Fenton,	Detroit.
Minnesota,	William S. Combs,	Saint Paul.
Mississippi,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Montana,	H. E. Hosmer,	Virginia.
Nebraska,	Robert W. Furnas,	Brownville.
Nevada,	John Curtis Currie,	Virginia.

New Hampshire,.....Abel Hutchins,.....Concord.
New Jersey,.....Joseph H. Hough,.....Trenton.
New York,.....James M. Austin,.....New York.
North Carolina,.....Donald W. Bain,.....Raleigh.
Nova Scotia,.....Benjamin Curren,.....Halifax.
Ohio,.....John D. Caldwell,.....Cincinnati.
Oregon,.....J. E. Hurford,.....Portland.
Pennsylvania,.....John Thomson,.....Philadelphia.
Rhode Island,.....Charles D. Greene,....Providence.
South Carolina,.....B. Rush Campbell,....Charleston.
Tennessee,.....John Frizzell,.....Nashville.
Texas,.....George H. Bringhurst, Houston.
Vermont,.....Henry Clark,.....Rutland.
Virginia,.....John Dove,.....Richmond.
Washington Territory, Thomas M. Reed,....Olympia.
West Virginia,.....Thomas H. Logan,....Wheeling.
Wisconsin,.....William T. Palmer,...Milwaukee.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in Sister Grand Lodges.

Canada,.....Aldis Bernard,.....Montreal.
England,.....Brackstone Baker,.....London.
Maine,.....Denison E. Seymour, Calais.
Minnesota,.....J. N. Castle,.....Stillwater.
Missouri,.....Geo. Frank Gouley,..St. Louis.
Nebraska,.....Edwin A. Allen,.....Omaha.
Nova Scotia,.....William Taylor,.....Halifax.
Tennessee,.....George S. Blackie,.....Nashville.

Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges in the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Canada,.....John V. Ellis,.....Carleton.
England,.....Robert T. Clinch,....Saint John.
Maine,.....David Brown,.....Saint Stephen.

Minnesota,.....Charles Ketchum,....Carleton.
Missouri,.....William F. Bunting,..Saint John.
Nebraska,.....
Nova Scotia,.....B. Lester Peters,.....Saint John.
Tennessee,.....B. Lester Peters,.....Saint John.

Grand Lodge Officers for the year 1871-72.

M.W. Grand Master,.....William Wedderburn,...Hampton.
R.W. Deputy Grand Master, John V. Ellis,.....Carleton.
R.W. Senior Grand Warden, Wm. F. Dibble,.....Woodstock.
R.W. Junior Grand Warden, Isaac W. Doherty,.....Richibucto.
V.W. Grand Chaplain,.....Rev. Howard Sprague,..Portland.
V.W. Grand Treasurer,.....Wm. H. A. Keans,.....St. John.
V.W. Grand Secretary,.....Wm. F. Bunting,.....St. John.
W. Senior Grand Deacon, John Wallace,.....Hillsboro'.
W. Junior Grand Deacon, Thos. J. Robinson,.....Milltown.
W. Grand D. Ceremonies, Geo. F. Stickney,.....St. Andrews.
W. A. G. D. Ceremonies, Allen McN. Travis,.....Hampton.
W. Grand Sword Bearer, Charles Carr,.....Richibucto.
W. G. Standard Bearer,..Thos. F. Gillespie,.....Chatham.
W. Grand Organist,.....Henry Card,.....St. John.
W. Grand Pursuivant,....Henry Duffell,.....St. John.
W. Grand Steward,.....Chas. D. Thomson,.....St. John.
W. do. .....Henry G. Hunt,.....St. John.
W. do. .....Wm. J. Logan,.....St. John.
W. do. .....Stephen W. Palmer,....Dorchester.
W. do. .....Harry Beckwith,.....Fredericton.
W. do. .....William Vaughan,.....St. Stephen.
W. do. .....Uriah Drake,.....Carleton.
W. do. .....Chas. U. Hanford,.....St. John.
W. do. .....Asaph G. Blakslee,.....St. John.
W. do. .....Wm. R. Russell,.....St. John.
W. do. .....Samuel McKean,.....Shediac.
W. do. .....Wm. C. Morissey,.....St. John.

Ritual Committee and Custodians of the Work.

M.W. Wm. Wedderburn,.....Grand Master.
R.W. B. Lester Peters,.....Past Grand Master.
R.W. John V. Ellis,.....Deputy Grand Master.
V.W. Wm. F. Bunting,.....Grand Secretary.
W. Alfred A. Stockton,.....Past Master Lodge No. 19.
W. Jos. C. Hatheway,.....Past Master Lodge No. 2.

Board of General Purposes.

M.W. Grand Master,.....Ex-Officio.
R.W. Deputy Grand Master,....Ex-Officio, President.
R.W. Senior Grand Warden,....Ex-Officio.
R.W. Junior Grand Warden,....Ex-Officio.
V.W. Grand Secretary,.....Ex-Officio, Secretary.
R.W. B. Lester Peters,.....Past Grand Master.
R.W. Benj. R. Stevenson,.....Past Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. John Richards,.....Past Junior Grand Warden.
W. Alfred A. Stockton,.....Past Master Lodge No. 19.
W. James McNichol, Jr.,....Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. Edward Willis,.....Past A. G. D. C., Vice-President.
W. David Main,.....Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Robert Marshall,.....Past Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Mark N. Powers,.....Past Master Lodge No. 3.
W. Thomas Irving,.....Past Junior Grand Deacon.

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

FEBRUARY 27th, A. D. 1872.

At a special communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, on Tuesday, the 27th day of February, A. L. 5872,

PRESENT :

M. W. WM. WEDDERBURN,.....Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Deputy Grand Master.
W. MARK N. POWERS,....as Senior Grand Warden.
W. HENRY LEONARD,.....as Junior Grand Warden.
W. WILLIAM W. EMSLIE,...as Grand Chaplain.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, as Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,...Grand Secretary.
W. GEORGE KILNAPP,....as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JAMES SAUNDERS,....as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. G. E. FAIRWEATHER,...as Grand Director Ceremonies.
W. HENRY DUFFELL,.....Grand Pursuivant.
W. CHARLES U. HANFORD,...Grand Steward.
W. DAVID S. STEWART,.....as do.
W. ROBERT J. MCADOO,.....as do.
W. ARTHUR OWEN,.....as do.
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....Grand Tyler.

with past grand officers and the representatives of a requisite number of lodges in the jurisdiction.

The grand lodge was opened in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

The M. W. the Grand Master addressed grand lodge as follows:—

To the members of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN,—I have summoned you to-night for no ordinary purpose. This is no ordinary day in the history of Great Britain, or in that part of the unwritten history of freemasonry which peculiarly belongs to the freemasons of the British Empire.

It pleased the Almighty Disposer of all things to bring our illustrious brother, His Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, very near unto death. For many days throughout the vast expanse of the nation, at stated intervals men by common consent rested from the turmoils of this busy life to listen with dread and anxiety, not wholly bereft of hope, to the latest bulletins from the couch of the royal sufferer. Momentous indeed were the results which from day to day seemed hanging upon the issue. The heart of the empire was subdued, and in that gloomiest hour which seemed but to precede the impending disaster, England and America knelt before the throne of that Great Being by whom kings rule; and from the royal palace, from ducal and lordly mansions, from the humbler homes of the people participating in the common sorrow, but better far from the throbbing heart of all, the earnest and united prayer ascended to Almighty God that it might please Him in the infinitude of His great love and mercy to spare the hope of the state and deliver him from the power of the grave. The prayer of the sovereign and people has been graciously answered, and to-day, my brethren, once again Great Britain and Ireland, the Empire of India, the Dominion of Canada, the unaffiliated Colonies, the entire British Nation of millions of hearts and stretching from sea to sea, are upon their knees. But their sorrow has been turned to gladness, and with the songs of praise and voice of prayer mingle more audibly than them all anthems of thanksgiving, the grand *Te Deum* of a nation. As when the future historian of England shall write the annals of the reign of our Most Gracious Queen, no page will be gloomier than that which

shall record the dreary hours of those dark December days, except only that even sadder day which shall be full of mourning for the death of our beloved Queen, whom may God long preserve ; so no page will be more redolent of rejoicing than that which shall preserve for posterity the memorials of the nation's gladness upon this now historic day. For I believe when the reports of this day's doings shall converge with electric rapidity at the foot of the Throne of England, it will be manifest that joy and thanksgiving have been within the dwellings of the people, from sea to sea, from palace to peasant's home, that the whole empire, its people animated by the same hope and impelled by the same impulse, has been encircled with the spirit of praise and the grateful incense of adoration and thanksgiving.

It is not for me to detain you, my brethren, from the delightful duty of this occasion, with any feeble estimate of the stupendous issues which for a time seemed suspended over the couch at Sandringham of the son of the House of Brunswick and the heir of the throne of England. You can have contemplated them as correctly as I: the wisest of men were baffled and disheartened in the speculations.

Forseeing, at least to some extent, how the proclamation of that Most Gracious Sovereign, whose heart, so tender of her subjects' sorrows and rejoicings, has manifested its noble yearnings on so many occasions ; who would leave for a time the bedside of her royal son to minister with her own kind hand by the humble pillow of his dying groom ; who has by innumerable and almost indescribable but imperishable acts of womanly and queenly virtue and benevolence, sanctified her name in all hearts, as that of the monarch and mother of her people ; foreseeing to some extent, the universality of the reply which would re-echo her royal proclamation to join with her and her royal son, and England's beautiful and beloved adopted daughter, and the Royal Family at large, in rendering ascriptions of praise to Almighty God, for the restoration of our royal brother to health, "to the great joy of the nation;" I thought, with other of my brethren, that it would be peculiarly befitting that we of this institution, which he has most intimately associated with his royal name, should not only partake of the general thanksgiving, but by solemn act of grand lodge, approach him with our hearty and devout congratulations. For that purpose we have assembled, that this portion of our universal brotherhood may join in these offices of gratitude to God, and of congratulation to our exalted brother, who has already declared that it is not "derogatory to their dignity that monarchs have, for a season, exchanged

their sceptre for the trowel, to patronize our mysteries and join in our assembles."

To you I commit this subject with the fervent hope which animates us all, that God may speedily restore our royal brother completely to his wonted health, and with that hymn at once of praise and prayer, so familiar to us all, "God Save the Queen."

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a committee, with instructions to prepare an address of congratulation to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on his restoration to health.

Whereupon the M. W. the Grand Master appointed as such committee the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the V. W. Grand Secretary, and W. Brothers George E. Fairweather, James Saunders, Henry Duffell and Charles U. Hanford.

The grand lodge having by command of the M. W. the Grand Master taken a short recess, was called to order again when the committee aforenamed submitted the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the grand master, relative to a congratulatory address to the Prince of Wales on his restoration to health, recommend grand lodge to adopt the following:

To His Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, etc., etc., Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, Grand Patron of Freemasons of Scotland and Ireland:

May it please your Royal Highness,—The Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, on this day, set apart as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the restoration to health of your Royal Highness after a painful and dangerous illness, while fervently uniting with all the people of the empire in expressions of thankfulness to the Great Giver of Life, desire also humbly to approach your Royal Highness as a member of our ancient fraternity, with their hearty congratulations upon your recovery, and to assure you of their sincere prayers that your Royal Highness may long be preserved to your illustrious family, to the craft of which you are so distinguished a member, and to the great empire over which your royal mother, our beloved Sovereign, so happily and graciously reigns.

And while thus giving assurance of the feelings of affection for your Royal Highness, which actuate them as freemasons, they desire also, as subjects, to

testify their love and devotion to their Most Gracious Sovereign and their loyal and dutiful attachment to the crown and government.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,
W. F. BUNTING,
H. DUFFELL,
C. U. HANFORD,
GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER,
JAS. SAUNDERS.

St. John, N. B., 27th February, A. D., 1872, A. L. 5872.

Whereupon it was moved by W. Bro. M. N. Powers, P. M Lodge No. 3, and

Resolved, That the address submitted by the committee be adopted; that it be engrossed, signed and sealed with the seal of grand lodge and duly transmitted to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales through the proper channel.

The business of this special communication having been disposed of the grand lodge was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy:

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

SEPTEMBER 25th and 26th, A.D, 1872.

The fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 25th day of September, A. L. 5872, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN, . Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS, ... Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE, . . as Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. ISAAC W. DOHERTY, ... Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. HOWARD SPRAGUE, . . Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS, ... Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, . . . Grand Secretary.
W. THOS. N. ROBERTSON, . . as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS J. ROBINSON, ... Junior Grand Deacon.
W. EDWARD WILLIS, ... as Grand Director Ceremonies.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, Jr., as Ass't G. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. WILLIAM W. EMSLIE, as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD, ... Grand Organist.
W. HENRY DUFFELL, ... Grand Pursuivant.

W. WILLIAM R. RUSSELL,...Grand Steward.
W. WILLIAM C. MORISSEY,.. "
W. HARRY BECKWITH,..... "
W. ASAPH G. BLAKSLEE,..... "
W. CHARLES U. HANFORD,... "
W. CHARLES D. THOMSON,... "
W. HENRY G. HUNT,..... "
W. URIAH DRAKE,..... "
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Past Grand Master.
R. W. ROBERT GOWAN,..... Do.
W. JOHN WILLIS,.....Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Past Junior Grand Deacon.
W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Past Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. G. H. FLEWELLING,.....Past G. Sword Bearer.
W. DUNCAN S. HARPER,.... Do.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Past G. Standard Bearer.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,..Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. DAVID R. MUNRO,..... Do.

The grand lodge was opened in *ample* form and with prayer by brother the Rev. Francis Partridge, acting as grand chaplain.

It was moved by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That as the proceedings of the last annual communication have been printed and are in the hands of representatives the reading of the minutes of that communication be dispensed with and that they be confirmed.

The minutes of special communication, held on the 27th February last, were read and confirmed.

W. Bros. Henry Duffell, Christopher Murray and Henry

J. Thorne, committee on credentials, reported the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz.:—

Albion Lodge, No. 1,.....Geo. E. Fairweather, W.M.
B. Lester Peters, P.M.
Wm. W. Emslie, P.M.
Thomas M. Reed, P.M.
Charles D. Thomson, P. M.
Christopher Murray, P. M.
Thos. N. Robertson, P.M.
S. Z. Earle, P.M.
C. A. Robertson, P.M.
Freeman W. Wisdom, S.W.
Chas. McLauchlan, Jr., J.W.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,.....Henry G. Hunt, W.M.
William Wedderburn, P.M.
Wm. H. A. Keans, P.M.
Wm. F. Bunting, P.M.
R. Sands Armstrong, P. M.
J. Gordon Forbes, P.M.
Jos. C. Hatheway, P.M.
Thomas O. Sandall, S.W.
Augustus P. Rolph, J.W.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,.....James Saunders, W.M.
James McNichol, Sr., P.M.
Mark N. Powers, P.M.
John Mullin, P.M.
George Kilnapp, P.M.
David S. Stewart, J.W.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,.....Robert Gowan, P.M.
George Todd, P.M.
Harry Beckwith, P.M.

	Alfred F. Street, J.W.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,....	J. Alfred Clark, W.M.
	John V. Ellis, P.M.
	Charles Ketchum, P.M.
	Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
	Joseph Dunham, P.M.
	Henry Leonard, P.M.
	Uriah Drake, P.M.
	John C. Leonard, S.W.
Midian Lodge, No. 9,.....	G. H. Flewelling, P.M.
Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10,	Henry Duffell, W.M.
	Robert Marshall, P.M.
	David R. Munro, P.M.
	William C. Morissey, P.M.
	Ezekiel McLeod, S.W.
	Beverly Stevens, J.W.
St. George Lodge, No. 12,.....	Robert A. Stuart, W. M.
	Samuel McKay, J.W.
Corinthian Lodge, No. 13,.....	Sylvester Z. Earle, P.M.
	George G. Melick, S.W.
Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16,.....	Isaac W. Doherty, P.M.
Leinster Lodge, No. 19,.....	Henry J. Thorne, W.M.
	John Willis, P.M.
	Edward Willis, P.M.
	A. G. Blakslee, P.M.
	Alfred A. Stockton, P.M.
	J. E. N. Holder, J.W.
New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,..	James McNichol, Jr., P.M.
	James McNichol, Sr., P.M.
	William R. Russell, P.M.

Wm. G. McFarlane, P.M.
Robt. J. McAdoo, J.W.

Zetland Lodge, No. 24,.....Duncan S. Harper, P.M.

Victoria Lodge, No. 26,.....Thos. J. Robinson, W.M.

Saint Andrews Lodge, No. 29,...Alex. Burchill, W.M.
Robert Gowan, P.M.
George Todd, P.M.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered his annual address as follows:—

Grand Master's Annual Address.

To the officers and members of grand lodge:—

Most Worshipful Brethren,—I am glad that we are again afforded the opportunity of associating together in session of grand lodge. While this meeting marks the close of another masonic year and brings us nearer to the end of all our "work," the past twelve months have been so full of the records of our prosperity as a fraternity, that we cannot but be inspired with gratification, and be ready heartily to renew our ascriptions of thanksgiving to the Great Master.

Erected in peace and according to the honored landmarks of our ancient institution, recognized and warmly welcomed into the communion and fellowship of all grand lodges throughout the world, rightly impelled by the beneficent purposes of our great brotherhood, and by the generous "emulation of who shall best work and best agree," this grand lodge has achieved the affectionate allegiance of all masons in New Brunswick, and stands firmly based upon the foundation of masonic perpetuity. Thoughout the entire year, from the altar of every lodge, have proceeded only the sounds of harmony; not a discord appears to have disturbed the gentle current of our fellowship and many have sought the acquisition of our mysteries. While moral and numerical strength has been added, the grand lodge and its dependant bodies have, with probably but few exceptions, attained a sound financial foundation and are seeking in the erection of public buildings, the adornment of their halls and lodge rooms, and by other proper means, to enhance the comfort and prosperity of the craft. All the while, moreover, the craft has practically remembered that peculiar

and essential element of true masonry, Charity; and realizing and appropriating the blessedness of giving, has remembered the widow and the orphan: not with ostentation, not grudgingly, but with masonic sincerity and simplicity. Meeting with these memorials of the goodness of the craft surrounding us, and now called to participate in legislation to conserve what has been achieved and to secure what is yet to be attained, let us approach our work with a becoming appreciation of the beneficence of God and the grandness of our masonic mission, and labor so zealously and so fraternally that all who have knowledge of our ways shall be constrained to exclaim "Behold how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity."

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRINCE.

Pursuant to the unanimous resolutions of the special communication of grand lodge, held on the twenty-seventh day of February last, I directed the V. W. Grand Secretary to transmit to our M. W. Bro. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the congratulations of the craft in New Brunswick upon his merciful restoration to health. I have now the pleasure of submitting the gracious answer of our royal brother, received by this office through His Excellency the Governor General of the Dominion, as follows:—

(copy) GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
OTTAWA, MAY 14th, 1872.

SIR,—I am directed by the Governor General to enclose to you a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, acknowledging the receipt of a congratulatory address to the Prince of Wales from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, and conveying the thanks of His Royal Highness to the members of the lodge for their good wishes and kind expressions.

I have the honor to be sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

F. TURVILLE,
Governor's Secretary.

W. WEDDERBURN, Esq.,
M. W. the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, New Brunswick.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General.

(copy) DOWNING STREET, 25TH APRIL, 1872.

CANADA—No. 102.

MY LORD:—H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has received from the Grand Lodge

of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, an address congratulating His Royal Highness on his recovery from his recent illness.

His Royal Highness requests that you will thank the members of the Grand Lodge for their good wishes, and assure them that the kind expressions of warm regard for himself, and of loyalty and attachment to the Crown, have given him much pleasure.

I have, &c.

(Signed) KIMBERLEY.

Governor General,
The Rt. Hon. Lord LISGAR, *G. C. B., G. C. M. G.*

We will all hope that His Royal Highness, now restored to health, may long be spared to his illustrious mother, our craft and the empire, and adorn his exalted station near the throne of our gracious Queen, whom may God long preserve.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

It is with very great pleasure I have to announce to you officially that the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Scotland has, by unanimous voice, recognized the sovereignty of this grand lodge, as communicated to me in the following correspondence :—

(copy) FREEMASONS' HALL, 98 GEORGE STREET,
EDINBURGH, 28TH MAY, 1872.

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to enclose a letter from the Right Honorable the Earl of Rosslyn, our M. W. Grand Master, conveying the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to recognize, and establish fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and in so doing I beg to assure you, M. W. Sir, that I shall at all times endeavour to cement more closely the bonds of fraternal union, now so happily formed, between the two grand lodges.

I have the honor to be, M. W. Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,

JOHN LAURIE
Grand Clerk G. Lodge of Scotland.

WM. WEDDERBURN, Esq.,
M. W. Grand Master Mason of New Brunswick.

(copy) FREEMASONS' HALL,
EDINBURGH, 11TH MAY, 1872.

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER:—By the unanimous voice of the grand lodge, over which I have the honor to preside, the recognition of the independence of your grand lodge of New Brunswick was accorded on Monday night last, May 6th.

In offering you, on the part of Scotch freemasons and the Grand Lodge from whose parental charge you are now dissevered, a cordial farewell and a sincere wish for your future prosperity, allow me to express on my own behalf, an

earnest hope that you may be guided by the Great Architect of the Universe, prudently and wisely in the management and direction of your honorable duties, and may enjoy for long the friendship and respect of those over whom you rule.

Believe me,

Yours fraternally,

ROSSLYN, *Grand Master*

WM. WEDDERBURN, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Master Mason of New Brunswick.

(copy) OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER,

ST. JOHN, N. B., 1ST SEPT., 1872.

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER:—Several circumstances, to which I need not refer, have prevented me from writing you before. I have now the honor to announce the receipt of your letter, informing me that, by the unanimous voice of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the recognition of the independence of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was accorded on the 6th day of May last.

While duly appreciating this act of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland, and while now conveying to you, on behalf of the grand lodge over which I have the honor to preside, their sincere acknowledgements, permit me to thank you for the very kind sentiments of your letter, and for your earnest hope that the Great Master may so rule me in the discharge of my honorable duties, that the management of the craft here shall be marked by wisdom and prudence during my term of office.

On behalf of the members of that portion of the craft in this province for so many years under the kind parental charge of your distinguished grand lodge, I beg you will cause to be transmitted to your brethren the expression of their very deep gratitude for the unvarying and unwearied kindness and attention they enjoyed while on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and generally, on behalf of the whole jurisdiction, to tender the assurances of fraternal affection and solicitude, not at all impaired because the mere formalities of official connection between the Freemasonry of Scotland and New Brunswick have been amicably severed.

It is my own desire, M. W. Sir and Brother, that you may long retain the affectionate support and esteem, which you so eminently possess, of the craft under your government.

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

WM. WEDDERBURN,

Grand Master of N. B.

The M. W. and Rt. Hon. the Earl of ROSSLYN, *Grand Master Mason, &c.*

(copy) FREEMASONS' HALL,

EDINBURGH, 7th MAY, 1872.

R. W. DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the pleasure to inform you that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at the quarterly communication held yesterday, was pleased to accord their fraternal and cordial recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and express their willingness to enter into more fraternal relationship, by the interchange of representatives. I shall accordingly be

glad to learn from you the name of some brother whom your grand lodge would suggest to hold the appointment of our representative in New Brunswick.

With the kindly expression of fraternal regard,
I remain,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,
JOHN LAURIE.,
Grand Clerk Grand Lodge of Scotland.

W. F. BUNTING, ESQ.,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

(copy) OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
F. & A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
ST. JOHN, 30TH AUGUST, 1872.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER:—I beg to acknowledge the reception of your note of the 7th May, conveying the gratifying intelligence that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at its quarterly communication, had accorded fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

It is a matter of sincere pleasure to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the brethren of New Brunswick generally, to receive this intelligence, which now places the grand lodge in fraternal and official intercourse with all grand lodges in Europe and America.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick desires, as is suggested in your note, to strengthen the ties of fraternal relationship by the interchange or epresentatives, and I am directed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to forward the name of the R. W. Brother Robert Gowan, Esq., Past Master of the Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 364, and Provincial Grand Master of New Brunswick, under Scotland, for appointment to that position.

The active and prominent part Brother Gowan has, for many years, taken in the craft in this colony—especially with reference to the several lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the respect and esteem entertained for him in his social and official relations—point him out as worthy in every respect for the distinguished honor.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master would like to receive from you the name of some brother for appointment as our representative in the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Desiring you to receive renewed assurance of fraternal esteem,
I have the honor to be,
Yours truly and fraternally,
W. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary G. Lodge of New Brunswick.

JOHN LAURIE, ESQ.,
Grand Clerk Grand Lodge of Scotland.

SAINT ANDREW'S LODGE.

Consequent upon this recognition, which now secures to grand lodge its cordial welcome within the family of all grand lodges, and reasserts its supremacy without challenge or dissent; and pursuant to

the power vested in me, I granted a warrant to Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, on our registry, hitherto hailing from the grand lodge o Scotland; anc in company with the V. W. Grand Secretary, and other members of grand lodge, duly organized the lodge under the authority of this grand lodge, on the evening of the 20th inst., at the city of Fredericton. I am happy to know that this lodge will be a valuable addition to our roll; and while, from reasons no doubt weighty in the minds of its members and conscientiously held, it has been the last lodge to enroll under our banner, I am sure, my brethren, you all will agree, that it is none the less welcome at this time. I trust we all, brethren, shall so zealously and fraternally labor to cement and strengthen the ties of Union and Harmony in this jurisdiction, that there shall be no desire, as there assuredly is no power, to destroy the sole supremacy of this grand head in New Brunswick.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have found the disposition increasing too rapidly to ask the authority of this office to enable candidates to obtain "at short intervals," the mysteries of our degrees. There are no doubt, occasions when the power should be granted to do this, but when I have found that the influences of the craft have been sought by persons to enable them to prosecute with greater ease and advantage a temporary tour of mere business or pleasure, I have felt constrained to withold the dispensation. I have always thought that dispensations should not issue in such cases, with rare exceptions. Gentlemen frequently live for years in close proximity to a lodge, they never seek admission, they never investigate the claims or commend the purposes of the institution, they contribute no moral or material support to it, they go on from year to year ignorant or forgetful of its very existence, until, when duty or inclination calls them abroad for a little while in the pursuit of business or pleasure, they desire all the machinery of the craft shall be accelerated, that their promotion may be rapid, that they may obtain in time a card of introduction abroad. Thus far I have drawn a marked distinction between intended temporary and permanent absence, although my reasoning may often be fairly applied to both cases. Many thus obtain preferment without knowledge, many use the craft abroad for private purposes, many return to the country to pursue their old course of indifference to masonry. I conceive masonry was not intended for such persons or purposes. There are no doubt, often very honorable exceptions and

sometimes even these may be unhappily deprived of the many legitimate advantages of masonry, but it will be conceded that the fault is their own and that it is better the time honored constitutional paths to preferment be followed than that the door be thrown open to admit many, among whom some may be found worthy. I find that throughout other jurisdictions this abuse of the power of dispensation has been loudly condemned. When a candidate proposes but a short absence from home, I have witheld the dispensation; when the candidate is about to remove abroad for permanent residence, I have ordered that dispensation issue, all other things being satisfactory. Thus the danger of too frequent relaxation of our rules is avoided, the persons who return, if worthily seeking admission, avail themselves of the earliest opportunity of proposal, the privileges thus gained are enhanced in value in their estimation, and craft and candidate are equally gainers, while the latter after all only suffers the trifling inconvenience of a temporary delay.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Among the letters of correspondence during the year with this office were the following, which were immediately remitted to the Board of General Purposes, and will be found on the table of the V. W. the Grand Secretary, for your consideration :

Letters from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the Grand Lodge of Utah, and the Grand Orient of Brazil, severally desiring to enter into fraternal relations with, and to appoint representatives near, grand lodge ;

Letter from the M. W. the Grand Master of Louisiana, complaining of the invasion of the territory within the jurisdiction of the grand lodge of that state ; and

Letters from the M. W. the Grand Masters of Michigan, New Jersey and Massachusetts, each complaining of the erection of clandestine lodges and the making of masons unlawfully.

I felt it my duty also, from unofficial information which came to my knowledge, to direct the V. W. the Grand Secretary to bring under the consideration of the M. W. the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, an alleged interference by the Union Lodge, No. 18, of that province, with the rights of this jurisdiction in the initiation therein of persons permanently residing in the city of Saint John. I have now much pleasure in reporting that the earliest investigation was most cheerfully made by the grand officers of Nova Scotia, and finding my complaint well

founded, a very hearty expression of regret was received from that jurisdiction, and notice that the objectionable course would not be continued in future. I am very glad that the executive officers of the craft in the sister province have acted with that promptness and good feeling which cannot fail to bind the masons of the respective jurisdictions most cordially together in the bonds of our exalted fellowship.

DECISIONS AND APPEALS.

A more than usual number of applications have been made to this office for information and decision on constitutional questions. For the most part they have been of a merely routine character. I may say however, that application was made for information whether a dispensation would issue for the burial with masonic ceremonies of an unaffiliated mason. To this the V. W. the Grand Secretary was directed to reply in the negative.

Notwithstanding the former decision of this office that a dispensation could not be issued for the making a mason of a person who had lost an arm, application was made for authority to initiate a candidate who had been unfortunately deprived of a foot. Feeling the importance of the question raised, I asked the Board of General Purposes to consider the matter, and afford me the valuable assistance of its counsel. The opinion of the board will, no doubt, be submitted to you, but in consequence of the ground taken by that body, I with greater confidence, again declined to order a dispensation to issue.

In the examination of by-laws submitted for the sanction of this office, I have noticed frequently that a section of the constitution has been imported into the by-laws or regulations materially altered in effect, by the omission of certain parts of the section or by the transposition of it in such a way as to make the meaning of it at least ambiguous when read in connection with the provision of the constitution on the same subject. Indeed, it may be a very vexatious question what scope a by-law sanctioned by this office, thus limiting the constitutional provision, would properly have. To prevent all misunderstanding, I have advised lodges that it is quite unnecessary to repeat as matter of bye-law provisions already made obligatory by the constitution; and I have decided that, when lodges do thus import into by-laws sections of the constitution, they must follow the text of the latter, and not in any way alter or abridge it, or so partially quote it as to lead to misunderstandings or confusion.

It has been quite customary for lodges to insert in their by-laws,

sections disqualifying brethren from the enjoyment of certain masonic rights for non-payment of dues. Pending the opinion of grand lodge I have disallowed such by-laws, mainly for two reasons: first because I hold that so long as a member is allowed to enjoy his membership and is retained on the roll as in good standing in the craft, and is under no charge for neglect to pay his dues, he cannot be suddenly deprived of the rights attaching to such standing in the lodge; and secondly, a member who is alleged to be in arrear to his lodge for his dues, is entitled to the same notice, trial and adjudication of his brethren as a member who has in any other respect failed to peform his duty to the craft, whether the delinquency be created by the provision of the constitution or under the operation of a by-law of the lodge, and has over this, a right of appeal to grand lodge. But the proposed by-law would sweep away these inalienable masonic rights, or permit him to pursue them after the disability or punishment has been endured, and when errors in fact or form have become irremediable.

An appeal has been made against the action of Miramichi Lodge, which was laid before the Board of General Purposes, and by them disposed of. I refer you to the report of the board for the final decision made on the subject.

WARRANTS.

Pursuant to the action of grand lodge at its last communication, a warrant, issued in due form, for the erection of Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, and on the twenty-eighth day of November last, in company with the V. W. Grand Secretary and other members of grand lodge, I proceeded to Sackville and consecrated the lodge in due and ancient form. I was led to believe from observation, that this lodge will work worthy of the craft, and that our brethren at Sackville rightly appreciate the duty and dignity of their masonic position. The hospitality of the brethren on the occasion to myself and my associates was most frank and bounteous.

Application having been made for the erection of a lodge at Saint Martins, in the County of Saint John, I granted a warrant of dispensation which was handed to Brother M. N. Powers, P. M., whose report is as follows:

To the M. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN, Esq.,
Grand Master, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR:—I received from the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary a dispensation for the opening and holding of Saint Martins Lodge to be

located at St. Martins, in the County of Saint John, together with a letter of instruction, authorizing me to proceed to the above-named place and hand the dispensation to the Worshipful Master designate and to suprintend the commencement of the work of the lodge.

Pursuant to this authority, I proceeded to Saint Martins on Monday, the fifth day of February last, accompanied by W. Bros. James McNichol, Senr., William J. Logan and George Kilnapp, Past Masters of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, and Past Master Edward Willis, of Leinster Lodge, No. 19, together with a large number of other brethren belonging to the different city lodges, and opened the lodge as directed, placed the dispensation in the hands of brot her James Rourke Worshipful Master designate, and afterwards inducted him into the chair. After the appointment of subordinate officers, the adoption of temporary by-laws, &c., the lodge was closed.

I feel confident from the judicious selection of officers and the zeal manifested by the brethren, that Saint Martins Lodge will do credit to our time-honored institution.

In conclusion I have to thank the brethren at Saint Martins for the fraternal and generous hospitality extended to myself and the brethren who accompanied me.

Respectfully yours,
M. N. POWERS,
Saint John, April 1st, 1872. *P. M. Lodge No. 3.*

VISITATIONS.

The committee of masters of lodges, appointed at the last communication of grand lodge, to arrange for a more convenient season for installing services in the City of Saint John, have taken the necessary steps to that end, and it is with the most pleasing recollections that I refer to my official visitation, during the earlier part of the masonic year, to the lodges in the City of Saint John, and to the services of installation as then conducted. The lodge room was crowded to excess on each occasion, brethren appeared in full force, laudable emulation was provoked, and a season of great pleasure afforded. The worshipful masters and officers, elected and appointed, seemed masons well qualified to lead their respective lodges forward and the whole gave evidence of great prosperity.

I had the pleasure of visiting and installing the officers of Zion Lodge, on the 24th day of January last, and of visiting Carleton Union Lodge, and Solomon's Lodge of Fredericton ; and in common with the brethren of grand lodge who accompanied me, wa very deeply impressed with the evidences of stability and prosperity which I saw on each occasion, and with the very generous and cordial greeting offered me by the brethren.

You will allow me also, to acknowledge the very fraternal and hospitable reception tendered to me by the officers and members of the

Civil Service Lodge of Canada, on my recent visit to Ottawa, and which I accepted all the more readily as another token of the catholicity of that fellowship which is a distinguishing characteristic of true masonry. And I am also very much indebted to M. W. ALEX. A. STEVENSON, P. G. M. of the grand lodge of Canada, not only for great personal kindnesses and courtesies while in the city of Montreal, but also for his tender to me of a public reception by the masons of Montreal as your representative, which I was not able to accept.

As intimated in my last address to you, I felt it was the duty of this office to visit every lodge in the jurisdiction. I had already at an early day, intimated to the V. W. the grand secretary, that I should proceed on such a tour of visitation during the months of June and July last, and long looked forward with unmingled pleasure to that visitation. I am very sorry that I could not carry out that intention. The sickness of my child, which continued more or less severe for months, at last terminating in his death in August last, made it absolutely impossible to leave my home; and after his decease I found, on consultation with the V. W. the grand secretary, that it would be out of the question then to prosecute such visitations with anything like success.

I esteem it one of the most pleasant, and at the same time incumbent, duties of this office, to visit as often as possible the lodges of the province. Some of them have never been visited since the erection of grand lodge, and others, not since the visitation of my M. W. predecessor. I hope this state of things will not continue if Providence permit otherwise.

And now my brethren, I have laid before you all matters that strike my mind as requiring notice from me at this time. All the papers and documents connected with the proceedings of the year, I have directed to be laid on the table of the V. W. Grand Secretary for your inspection, and I belive you will bring to the discharge of the duties of this communication an earnest desire to promote the welfare of our Ancient and Honorable Institution.

It was moved by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That the Grand Master's address be refered to a committee to report thereon.

Whereupon, the following were appointed such committee:

R. W. Junior Grand Warden, W. Junior Grand Deacon, and W. Brother Henry J. Thorne.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary submitted his annual report and account, as follows:—

Grand Secretary's Annual Report.

To the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The Grand Secretary begs respectfully to report :—

That the receipts of his office for the year just ended are $1278.69, as follows :

Registration fees,	$223 00
Certificates,	209 50
Annual Dues,	749 29
Dispensations for degrees, &c.,	50 50
Dispensation for a new lodge,	15 00
Warrant to St. John Lodge, No. 27,	6 60
Warrant to Lebanon Lodge, No. 28,	10 00
Constitutions and blank demits,	14 80
Total,	$1278 69

He paid this sum to the Grand Treasurer in due time, and submitted an account in detail to the Board of General Purposes.

The respective lodges have made their returns in full to the end of the year, and have settled all claims against them, except in two instances only where small balances are due. The returns shew the work of the year 1871, as follows :—

Number Initiated,	206
" Passed,	203
" Raised,	170
" Joined,	42
" Reinstated,	7
" Withdrawn,	66
" Suspended or Excluded,	36
" Died,	25
Total number of members,	1926

The M. W. the Grand Master issued nineteen dispensations for the following purposes :—

To confer degrees at short periods, (not less than one week)..	16
To wear regalia in public,.....	1
To legalize the irregular advancement of a candidate,.....	1
To open a new lodge, (St. Martin's,).....	1
Total,.....	19

In every case where dispensations were issued to abridge the time required for the conferring of degrees, the candidates were sea-faring men about to proceed on long voyages, or persons unexpectedly leaving the jurisdiction to take up their residence in distant places.

The Grand Secretary superintended the printing of the proceedings of last annual communication, under the direction of the Board of General Purposes, and distributed them in the usual way.

The order of grand lodge, requiring the lodges to [illegible]d to this office copies of their warrants, has been complied with [illegible]ey have been written in a register provided for the purpose, [illegible] can be made available at any time, should a lodge unfortunately lose its warrant.

He has received nearly all the printed proceedings of sister jurisdictions, and has also, by the courtesy of the editors or publishers been furnished with the monthly numbers of several periodicals, devoted to masonic literature and general information.

The following special donations have been made to Grand Lodge, and have been suitably acknowledged :—

From R. W. Bro. Robert Gowan, of Fredericton, a handsomely bound volume of "Laurie's History of Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Scotland."

From Bro. Leon Hyneman of Philadelphia, a volume entitled—"Ancient York and London Grand Lodges, a review of Freemasonry in England from 1567 to 1813."

From R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary of the State of New Jersey, a large volume of 700 pages entitled—"Origin of Masonry in the State of New Jersey, and the entire proceedings of the grand lodge from its first organization, A. L. 5786."

In this connection the grand secretary begs fraternally to urge upon grand lodge the desirability of a strong and continued exertion in furtherance of a Library under the control of grand lodge. Between the present and the time when grand lodge shall occupy more ample

and convenient accommodation in the new temple about to be erected, much may be done in the way of purchase and collection, even though the books, &c., should not, for the present, be conveniently arranged on the shelves of a library in the strict sense. When opportunity offers for securing works suited to the purpose, it should be embraced; it may never offer again, for it is well known that the field open to the masonic scholar and student does not cover an extensive range. Feeling confident that the brethren will enter heartily into so important and valuable an undertaking, the Grand Secretary would suggest, in order more perfectly to carry it to a successful end, that a Grand Lodge Library Committee be appointed, annually or otherwise, and that funds (however small) be placed at their disposal, for furthering this object.

He begs to bring to the notice of grand lodge the idea of forming a cabinet of portraits of Past Grand Masters. Such a desirable project might be commenced at the present early existence of the body at an expenditure reasonably small, in comparison to what would be required in after years when the number of the ex-rulers of the craft would be proportionately increased. The portrait of R. W. Bro. Balloch, the only Past Grand Master who has departed this life, is fortunately owned by grand lodge and now adorns our walls. To the members of the craft who knew the deceased Right Worshipful Brother, and to the brethren in general as well, this souvenir possesses a value difficult to convey in words; and in after years when, by the addition of the paintings of others who have or may wield the gravel, a goodly array of life pictures will be held by the fraternity. Such a cabinet will not only be prized for its historic and intrinsic worth, but will be an adornment to the walls of our new temple.

These matters are suggested to grand lodge in the hope that representatives may give them a favorable consideration at the present annual communication, and that steps may be taken to carry them to a successful issue.

In conclusion, the Grand Secretary desires to express his gratification at the present flourishing condition of the lodges throughout the jurisdiction, to the cordiality and fraternal feeling which generally exists among the individual members, to the promptness with which the requirements of grand lodge are usually carried out, and to the willing co-operation and ready support accorded by the masters,

secretaries and other officers in all matters affecting the prosperity and welfare of the craft.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., 25th Sept., 1872.

William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Cash received from	Albion Lodge,	No. 1,	$95 90	
" "	St. John's,	" 2,	84 70	
" "	Hibernia,	" 3,	97 10	
" "	Sussex,	" 4,*	— —	
" "	St. Mark's,	" 5,	39 94	
" "	Solomon's,	" 6,	44 00	
" "	Sussex,	" 7,	62 20	
" "	Carleton Union,	" 8,	75 70	
" "	Midian,	" 9,	9 60	
" "	Union of Portland,	" 10,	88 80	
" "	Woodstock,	" 11,	33 70	
" "	St. George,	" 12,	57 20	
" "	Corinthian,	" 13,	14 50	
" "	Alley,	" 14,	27 05	
" "	Howard,	" 15,	43 20	
" "	St. Andrew,	" 16,	38 20	
" "	Northumberland,	" 17,	46 40	
" "	Miramichi,	" 18,	33 20	
" "	Leinster,	" 19,	53 80	
" "	Salisbury,	" 20,	31 10	
" "	Zion,	" 21,	19 30	
" "	New Brunswick,	" 22,	60 50	
" "	Keith,	" 23,	41 70	
" "	Zetland,	" 24,	17 30	
" "	Restigouche,	" 25,	48 00	
" "	Victoria,	" 26,	41 20	
" "	St. John,	" 27,	45 20	
" "	Lebanon,	" 28,	14 20	
" "	St. Martin's,	U. D.,	15 00	
				$1278 60

*Fees and Dues of this Lodge paid since.

1872.			Cr.		
March	12,	Cash paid	Grand Treasurer,.....	$700 00	
Aug.	29,	"	"	300 00	
Sept.	12,	"	"	278 69	
					$,1278 69

WM. F. BUNTING,

Saint John, N. B., 14th Sept., 1872. Grand Secretary.

The V. W. the Grand Treasurer presented his annual account, as follows:—

W. H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

1871.		Dr.		
Sept.		To balance in bank B. N. America.....		$724 53
1872.				
Mar. 12.	"	Amount received from G. secretary,....	$700 00	
Aug. 29.	"	" " "	300 00	
Sept. 12.	"	" " "	278 69	1278 69
				$2003 22

1871.		Cr.	
Sept. 29.	By paid	81—Grand Secretary, salary,.....	$300 00
Oct. 12.	"	82—Dingee Scribner, tyling,....	10 00
	"	83—J. Livingston, advertising,..	4 90
	"	84—Festival committee,.....	46 00
	"	85—Northern Insur'. Company,.	6 00
	"	86—Donation St. Andrew lodge.	100 00
	"	87—Hall committee,.....	5 00
	"	88—G. E. Fairweather, engross'	6 60
1872.	"	89—Official visit to Sackville,...	24 25
Jan. 24.	"	90—H. Chubb & Co., printing, &c.	143 90
	"	91—Official Visit acct.,.....	11 40
	"	92—Hall committee,.....	4 50
Sept. 10.	"	93—Expens. delegation to F'ton	7 78
	"	94—H. Chubb & Co., printing, &c.,	10 45
	"	95—J. C. McKean, eng. address,	5 60
	"	96—J. & A. McMillan, books, ..	16 30
	"	97—Hall committee, rent,.....	13 25
	"	98—Geo. E. Fairweather,.....	6 60
	"	99—Grand secretary, postage, &c.	24 77

	"	100—Lansdowne & Martin, regalia,	146 56	
" 13.	"	101—N. B. Masonic hall Co.,.....	500 00	1393 86
		Bal. deposit per bank book,		609 36
				$2003 22

1872.
Sept. 13. To balance in bank of B. N. A.....$609 36

W. H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

Saint John, N. B., 13th Sept., 1872.

It was moved by W. Bro. Thomas N. Robertson, P. M. Lodge No. 1, and

Resolved, That the reports and accounts of the grand secretary and grand treasurer be received.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, as president of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the annual report of the board as follows :—

Board of General Purposes.

GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
SAINT JOHN, N. B., 25th Sept., 1872.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

1. The board of general purposes, in submiting its annual report for the year 1871-72, is glad at being again able to congratulate grand lodge upon the general progress and harmony of the fraternity within its jurisdiction. While the labors of the board, during the year that has just closed, have been comparatively light, much of the business transacted has been of considerable importance.

ORGANIZATION.

2. Shortly after the close of the last session of grand lodge, the board met and effected its organization as usual. W. Bro. Edward Willis was unanimously elected Vice-President.

GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

3. Five hundred copies of the proceedings of grand lodge, session 1871, were printed and distributed by the grand secretary, under the direction of the board.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

4. The important subject of a site for a masonic temple has been finally disposed of, and nothing now remains for the craft but by united and determined action to secure, at as early a day as possible, the erection of a building suitable for the growing wants of the fraternity in this city, and which may be the permanent home of grand lodge. In January last the board authorized a sub-committee, composed of the president, W. Bro. Marshall and R. W. Bro. Peters, to purchase the property on Germain street adjoining Trinity Church, belonging to the estate of the late Benjamin Smith, having a frontage of 100 feet on that street, and running back 200 feet. After considerable negotiation with the trustees the purchase was effected at auction for the sum of $18,000. As the board was simply acting in this matter for the fraternity, the property thus purchased has been transferred to a company, organized under an act passed at the last session of the legislature, in which company grand lodge and all of the city lodges are shareholders. The board urges through grand lodge, upon each individual mason, the importance of assisting so far as he can, in this great undertaking, so that the projected temple may, when erected, be an honor to the fraternity, reflect credit upon the liberality of the shareholders and be an ornament to the city.

The grand treasurer has paid $500 to the secretary of the company, being one half of the amout of the stock subscribed by grand lodge.

PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

5. A question of considerable importance came before the board, upon an application made to the M. W. the Grand Master, by W. Bro. David Main, of Victoria Lodge, No. 26, asking for a dispensation to initiate, if accepted by the lodge, a gentleman who was not physically qualified, he having lost a foot, the loss being artificially supplied. The grand master having previously refused an application in a somewhat similar case, referred the subject to the board for consideration, and on the report of a sub-committee the board decided that the loss of a foot is an insuperable objection to the initiation of a person otherwise qualified.

SAINT ANDREW'S LODGE.

6. During the recess, Saint Andrew's Lodge, Fredericton, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, made application to the board to ascertain the terms upon which it would be received into fellowship with the lodges holding of this grand lodge, and announced that it had appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the board upon the subject. The president and secretary having been duly authorized by the board, proceeded to Fredericton, and the result of the negotiations was the surrender by Saint Andrew's Lodge of its warrant to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and an application by its members to the Grand Master for a warrant to continue its meetings under the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, which application was of course, complied with.

As Saint Andrew's Lodge was the only lodge in the province not owning the authority of grand lodge, this action at length unites the entire fraternity, and it is a matter of great congratulation that this important end has been achieved so pleasantly and harmoniously.

APPEAL.

7. The only appeal the board has had to consider during the year, was one from Bro. Samuel McCully, appealing against and complaining of the action of Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, in regard to the admission of two members. The matter was referred to a sub-committee consisting of W. Brothers Marshall, Willis and Powers, who gave it a patient and exhaustive investigation. The circumstances of the case did not appear to warrant anything more than a caution to the worshipful master, to be particular in enforcing all the regulations of grand lodge relative to the admission of members, and the board takes the opportunity offered by a reference to this case, to impress upon masters of lodges that it is their duty to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the laws of grand lodge, and above all to be exceedingly careful in administering the regulations respecting membership, so that no one can gain admission to the fraternity, or become a member of the lodge without the full knowledge of all the members. The laws bearing upon this matter are enacted for the protection of the lodge and the fraternity, and their due enforcement is a matter for which every worshipful master is responsible.

AN APOLOGY.

8. In May last the worshipful master of Leinster Lodge, No. 19,

without the grand master's dispensation, conferred a degree upon a brother within the constitutional period of four weeks. He voluntarily confessed his error, declared that it was an oversight and the result of forgetfulness, and asked that the offence be condoned. As the facts appeared to be as stated, the conferring of the degree was confirmed by the grand master, and the worshipful master was admonished to be more careful for the future.

FINANCIAL.

9. The finances of the grand lodge have been administered with due regard to economy, during the year, and as will be seen by the report of the sub-committe of audit, are in a healthy state :—

ST. JOHN, N. B., September 14, 1872.

To the President of the Board of General Purposes:

The sub-committee of your board appointed to audit the accounts and examine the books of the grand secretary and grand treasurer for the masonic year 1871-72,

Report,—That they have given the work entrusted to them the most careful attention, and find the accounts correct, and the books neatly and systematically kept.

The receipts during 1871-72 were $1,278.69, and the balance on hand from last year $724.33, making a total of $2,003.22.

The payments during the year were $1,393.86, leaving on deposit in the bank $609.36.

The receipts of the grand secretary's office, correspond with the payments to the grand treasurer, as appears by the books and vouchers.

The expenses of 1870-71 were $1,506.78, and of 1871-72 $1,393.86. Included in the former is a repayment of $627, being amount of loan and interest from Albion Lodge, and a donation of $100 each to Carleton Union and Northumberland Lodges; embraced in the latter is an advance to the masonic hall company of $500, and a donation of $100 to St. Andrew Lodge, Richibucto. The ordinary expenses of 1870-71 would therefore be $679 78, and of 1871-72, $793.86, being an increase of $191,94 in the latter year, but in this increase is included $146.56, paid for new grand lodge regalia, very much needed, which might fairly be regarded as an exceptional rather than ordinary expenditure. With this deducted, there would still be a small difference against 1871-72 in the comparative ordinary expenditures of both years.

The ordinary receipts of 1871-72 exceeded those of the previous year by $86.73

The committee note with satisfaction the promptitude manifested by subordinate lodges in paying grand lodge dues.

The receipts and expenditures of grand lodge in detail will be found clearly set forth in the statements of the grand secretary and grand treasurer respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,
JAMES MCNICHOL, JR,
A. A. STOCKTON.

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

10. As the number of blank certificates in the hands of the grand secretary is small, the board has directed that officer to order one thousand additional ones.

11. A circular has been received by the grand secretary from the grand lodge of Massachusetts, stating that for reasons set forth, no visitor shall hereafter be admitted into the subordinate lodges of Massachusetts, (under certain specified exceptions,) without producing his grand lodge certificate. The board deems it advisable to call attention to this matter inasmuch as members of our lodges in the province visit the lodges in that jurisdiction. It will be borne in mind therefore, that in addition to the usual and customary proofs of masonic knowledge, the visitor will have to vouch for the regularity of his standing by the production of his grand lodge certificate.

GRAND LODGE CLOTHING.

12. The board has procured during the year, a full suit of clothing for grand secretary and past grand master, and a grand chaplain's apron.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,
President.

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That the report of the board of general purposes be received.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That one hundred copies of the reports of grand master, grand treasurer, grand secretary and board of general purposes be printed for the immediate use of grand lodge.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That it be the order of the day at 3 o'clock this afternoon, to go into consideration of the amendments to the constitution, proposed at the last annual communication.

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider so much of the V. W. grand secretary's report, as refers to a masonic library and portraits of past grand masters.

Whereupon W. Bros. Robert Marshall, W. H. A. Keans, Thomas J. Robinson, Alfred F. Street and Henry Leonard were appointed such committee.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master announced that arrangements had been made for an exemplification of the *work* of the M. M. degree, by the worshipful master and officers of Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10.

It was moved by W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Past G. Pursuivant, and

Resolved, That the election of the elective officers of grand lodge be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Grand lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

25th September, 1872.

Grand lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

Read a note from the V. W. the Grand Chaplain, expressing regret at his absence from grand lodge, in consequence of an unforseen and important engagement.

An application was received from St. Martin's Lodge, working under a dispensation at St. Martin's, in the County of St. John, for a warrant of constitution.

Whereupon, it was moved by W. Brother Edward Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the application be refered to a committee to report thereon.

W. Bros. Edward Willis, Mark N. Powers, Alex. Burchill, J. E. N. Holder, and James McNichol, Junr., were appointed such committee.

The following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, Past G. M., seconded by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and unanimously adopted :—

Whereas, the right worshipful brother Robert Gowan has for many years, held the distinguished office of provincial grand master and representative of the M. W. the Grand Master of Scotland in this province, and ruled the lodges formerly holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and is a brother of great eminence, experience and ability in the craft ;

Therefore Resolved, That the R. W. Brother Robert Gowan is hereby constituted a permanent member of grand lodge, with the title, rank and dignity of past grand master, and with the privilege of wearing, in this grand lodge, the regalia of Provincial Grand Master of Scotland.

Amidst great applause, grand lodge was called up, and the right worshipful brother was saluted with the customary honors.

The M. W. the Grand Master, in conveying to Brother Gowan, the vote of grand lodge, expressed his hearty approval of the language of the resolution, and his concurrence with the act of grand lodge. Bro. Gowan thanked the grand master for his flattering and fraternal address, and returned his warm acknowledgements to grand lodge for the honor conferred.

Applications for recognition and fraternal intercourse from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the Grand Lodge of

Utah and the Grand Orient of Brazil, were received as follows :

Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of British Columbia.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, B. C., December 27th, 1871.

William F. Bunting, Esq., St. John, N. B.

R. W. BROTHER :—I have the honor to inform you that on the 26th ult., at the masonic hall, in the city of Victoria, agreeably to the wishes of subordinate lodges of this province, the district grand lodge, English register, united with the provincial grand lodge, Scottish register, forming the Grand lodge of British Columbia, and that the said grand lodge was then inaugurated and consecrated with imposing ceremonies and in accordance with the ancient usages of the craft.

The following named brethren were elected and installed :

M. W. Grand Master, ...I. W. POWELL, M. D.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master, ...HON. J. F. MCCREIGHT.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden.....SIMEON DUCK.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden,.....HENRY NATHAN.
R. W. Grand Treasurer,.....M. W. WAITT.

Printed copies of the proceedings above referred to will be forwarded to your address in due course.

By a resolution of the grand lodge at its first communication, and by the command of M. W. grand master, I have further to express our sincere wish that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia will meet with the cordial and fraternal recognition of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, with whom it is our desire in all future time to have reciprocal intercourse and good fellowship.

In testimony whereof, I affix hereunto the seal of the grand lodge the day and year first above written.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,
[L.S.] Grand Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, A. F. & A. M. OF UTAH,
SALT LAKE CITY, FEB. 1, A.D. 1872, A.L. 5872.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of New Brunswick,

GREETING:

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 16th day of January, A. D. 1872, a convention of the three duly chartered masonic lodges at Salt Lake City, in the teritory of Utah, to wit:

Wasatch No. 8, chartered on the 7th day of October, A. D. 1867, by the M. W. grand lodge of Montana;

Mount Moriah No. 70, chartered on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1868, by the M. W. grand lodge of Kansas;

Argenta No. 21, chartered on the 26th day of September, A. D. 1871, by the M. W. grand lodge of Colorado, was held at masonic hall, Salt Lake City, for the purpose of organizing a grand lodge of A. F. & A. M., according to the ancient custom and usages of the craft.

On the 17th day of January, A. D. 1872, the grand lodge was fully organized, and the following grand officers duly elected and installed:

O. F. STRICKLAND,.....M. W. Grand Master.
LOUIS COHN,.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
E. B. ZABRISKIE,.....R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
A. S. GOULD,.....R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
CHARLES F. SMITH,.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
JOSEPH F. NOUNNAN,.....R. W. Grand Secretary.

On the following day a constitution and by-laws for the government of the grand lodge and its subordinate lodges were adopted, which laws are, in every particular, consistent with the ancient landmarks of our beloved order.

We now pray your most worshipful grand lodge to grant to the grand lodge of Utah that masonic recognition which has been granted to all masonic grand lodges over the globe, formed in a like manner.

We will forward the proceedings to your R. W. grand secretary as soon as they are published.

By order of M. W. Grand Master,
JOSEPH F. NOUNNAN, Grand Secretary.

Grand Orient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio, Rio De Janeiro,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVE,
NEW YORK, SEPT. 17TH 1872.

R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Sec'y., &c., St. John, N. B.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—As the representative at large of the Grand Orient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio, Rio de Janeiro, I enclose herewith an official communication from them, requesting the exchange of relations of amity with the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

If you do not exchange representatives, I presume there will be no objection to the usual recognition and correspondence with them.

Hoping that the request will have the early and favorable consideration of the grand master, I have the pleasure to remain,

Very fraternally yours,

A. G. GOODALL,
Gr. Rep. at large.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, Past G. M., and

Resolved, That the foregoing applications, with the accompanying documents, be referred to a committee.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed such committee R. W. Bros. B. Lester Peters and Robert Gowan, and W. Bro. G. H. Flewelling.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That so much of the M. W. grand master's address, as refers to the communications received from the grand masters of New Jersey, Massachusetts and Michigan, be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

Whereupon the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and W. Bros. George Todd and A. G. Blakslee were appointed such committee.

In accordance with the notice given at the last annual communication, the following resolution was moved by W. Bro. Mark N. Powers, P. M., Lodge No. 3, and seconded by

W. Bro. Thos. N. Robertson, P. M., Lodge No. 1, as an amendment to the constitution:

Resolved, That the board of general purposes shall consist of one member from each lodge in the province, and [ ] constitute a quorum.

Bro. Powers finding that the almost unanimous voice of grand lodge was opposed to his resolution, asked leave to withdraw it, which was granted by vote of grand lodge.

The committee appointed, in pursuance of resolution of the last annual communication of grand lodge, to provide for a festival at the present session, reported, that they had not made any arrangements.

Whereupon it was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, Past G. M., and

Resolved, That the report be received and the committee discharged.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be voted to Zion lodge, No. 21, in aid of the masonic hall now being constructed at Sussex.

It was, on motion of the R. W. Junior Grand Warden,

Resolved, That the hour of opening grand lodge, at the next annual communication, be three o'clock in the afternoon.

The committee on warrants submitted the following report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, Past G. M., was ordered to be received and adopted, viz:—

St. John, N. B., September 25th, 1872.

To the M. W. grand master, officers and members of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

The committee to whom was referred the application of St. Martin's Lodge for a warrant, respectfully report—

That they have carefully examined the records and affairs generally

of St. Martin's lodge, now working under dispensation from the M. W. grand master, and find the same in a condition to justify the issue of a warrant to said lodge, and also compliance with the lodge's request that the name of Jacob Henry Mosher be inserted in the warrant as senior warden instead of that of Bro. Wilson.

The committee would therefore, recommend the immediate issue of the warrant, and the insertion of Jacob Henry Mosher's name in the same as senior warden.

Respectfully Submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,
JAMES MCNICHOL, JUNR.,
J. EDWARD N. HOLDER,
ALEX. BURCHILL,
M. N. POWERS.

Grand lodge was called from labor until this evening at half-past 7 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

25th September, 1872.

Grand lodge was called to labor at 7½ o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

Pursuant to the order of the day, grand lodge proceeded to the election of the elective officers for the ensuing year.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed as scrutineers, W. Bros. Joseph C. Hatheway, P. M., Lodge No. 2; George Kilnapp, P. M., Lodge No. 3, and Duncan S. Harper, P. M., Lodge No. 24.

The regulations of the constitution respecting the election of officers were read:

Whereupon, the following brethren were nominated and elected, viz:—

M. W. Grand Master,.....Bro. JOHN V. ELLIS.
R. W. Deputy Grand Master,.. " EDWARD WILLIS.
R. W. Senior Grand Warden,.. " ISAAC W. DOHERTY.
R. W. Junior Grand Warden,.. " THOMAS J. ROBINSON.
V. W. Grand Chaplain,..... " REV. HOWARD SPRAGUE.
V. W. Grand Treasurer,..... " WM. H. A. KEANS.
W. Grand Tyler,..... " DINGEE SCRIBNER.

It was moved by W. Bro. Thomas, N. Robertson, P. M. lodge No. 1, and

Resolved, That the installation of officers take place to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

By order of the M. W. the Grand Master, grand lodge took a recess for the purpose of witnessing the exemplification of the work of the M. M. degree by the Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, and thereafter grand lodge was called to order again.

The following resolution, moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and seconded by W. Bro. Charles U. Hanford, Grand Steward, was, by vote of grand lodge, directed to stand the order of the day for 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, viz:—

Resolved, That this grand lodge cordially tenders recognition to the Grand lodge of Quebec, and freely extends to her the right hand of fellowship.

Grand lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

26th September, 1872.

Grand lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The committee on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, submitted the following report :—

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick :

The committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. the grand master, beg leave to report as follows :

That grand lodge feels the exalted position it holds at the present time : recognized by every grand lodge throughout the world, holding unbroken sway within its own jurisdiction, largely increased in numbers, having no discord within its ranks, and financially prosperous ; we have great cause to praise the Great Architect of the Universe, who has blessed us so abundantly during the past year, and trusts that the coming year may show at its close as good a record of success and prosperity.

That grand lodge welcomes with sincerity the organization and addition to our roll of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, and greets with pleasure her representatives who, for the first time, we meet in grand lodge.

That grand lodge feels the subject of dispensations, to which its attention has been directed, to be of great importance, and feels assured that the welfare of the craft has been fully cared for by the prudence of the M. W. the grand master in granting dispensations during the past year.

That grand lodge hails with pleasure the accession to its numbers of Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, and St. Martins Lodge, No. 30, and trusts they may long continue in prosperity, to disseminate the principles of our fraternity in their respective localities.

That grand lodge fully concurs in the opinion of the M. W. the grand master, that the by-laws of subordinate lodges, which disqualify brethren from the enjoyment of certain masonic rights for non-payment of dues, should be disallowed ; and agrees with the reasons set forth in the address of the M. W. the grand master, for sustaining such decision, and recommends such action be taken by grand lodge as will prevent such errors in future.

That the members of grand lodge, as members of subordinate lodges, regret that the M. W. the grand master was prevented from visiting the lodges, as they know he so greatly desired to do, and that they have been deprived of the great pleasure and honor of welcoming him

on his official visits, and now extend to him their fullest sympathy in his late bereavement and trial.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. W. DOHERTY,
HENRY J. THORNE,
THOMAS J. ROBINSON,
Committee.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. Gordon Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That the report be received.

The following note, addressed to the V. W. the Grand Secretary, was received and ordered to be entered in the minutes, viz:—

CALAIS, MAINE, SEPT. 25TH, 1872.

VERY WOR. AND DEAR BROTHER:—It is with feelings of profound regret that I find myself unable, from professional duties and other circumstances beyond my control, to meet you and the brethren in grand lodge, in this your annual communication. Arrangements had been made between myself and the M. W. grand master of this state to leave here this a. m., of which arrangement I should have notified you this morning by telegraph could it have been carried out. But a letter from him last evening announces the fact of his inability to accompany me and expressive of his deep regret and disappointment, and requested me to convey to you and the grand lodge his most cordial and fraternal sentiments for the brotherhood, and the best interests of the craft.

Trusting that the deliberations of the present session of the grand lodge may be distinguished by that harmony of action and concert of thought so usual in the deliberative body of the masonic fraternity of New Brunswick, and that all its doings shall be promotive of the general good of the craft,

I am, and ever remain,
Very fraternally yours,
D. E. SEYMOUR,
Grand Rep.

V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The committee on grand secretary's report submitted the

following report, which, on motion of W. Bro. J. Gordon Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, was ordered to be received and the recommendations adopted, viz:—

MASONIC HALL, ST. JOHN, N. B.,
26TH SEPTEMBER, 1872.

The committee appointed to report upon so much of the report of the V. W. grand secretary, as relates to "masonic library," and "portraits of past grand masters," beg leave to say, that they heartily approve of the suggestions above referred to, and would recommend that the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the board of general purposes, be a "grand lodge library committee," and that the "board" shall from time to time vote such amounts as to it may seem requisite to secure the object desired; and they would further recommend that the board of general purposes be authorized to procure "portraits," of past grand masters.

ROBERT MARSHALL,
W. H. A. KEANS,
THOS. J. ROBINSON,
A. F. STREET,
Committee.

Pursuant to the order of the day, grand lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolution offered, at last evening's session, by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and seconded by W. Bro. Charles U. Hanford, Grand Steward, viz:

Resolved, That this grand lodge cordially tenders recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and freely extends to her the right hand of fellowship.

Whereupon, it was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., seconded by W. Bro. J. Gordon Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That the further consideration of the resolution offered by W. Bro. Willis, and made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon, be postponed for this session of grand lodge.

In accordance with the notice given, by W. Bro. Joseph C. Hatheway, P. M. Lodge No. 2, at the last annual communication, the following amendment to the constitution was proposed by him and seconded by W. Bro. J. E. N. Holder, J. W. Lodge No. 19, viz:—

Resolved, That the fee for initiation of candidates in subordinate lodges be limited to forty dollars for the city of St. John, and twenty-five dollars for country lodges, as the lowest sum for initiation.

Which amendmend was negatived.

Grand lodge was called from labor until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING.

26th September, 1872.

Grand lodge was called to labor at half-past seven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary gave notice that, at the next annual communication, he will propose an amendment to the constitution, whereby past grand masters shall become ex officio members of the board of general purposes, viz:—

Section 1, page 36, of the constitution, under the title, "board of general purposes," to be amended to read as follows:—

SECT. 1.—"The board shall consist of the grand master, past grand "masters entitled to seats in grand lodge, the deputy grand master, "(who shall be ex officio president,) the grand wardens, grand secre-"tary, and ten other members, to be appointed at the annual meeting "of grand lodge, by the grand master."

It was moved by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That action on the paragraph, in the report of committee on the grand master's address, relative to the disability of brethren in arrears of dues to private lodges, be deferred until the next annual communication of grand lodge.

The committee on circulars from the grand masters of Massachusetts, New Jersey and Michigan, submitted the following

Report.

St. John, N, B., September 26th, 1872.

M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

Your committee to whom was referred the several communications from the M. W. grand lodges of New Jersey, Michigan and Massachusetts, beg leave to report :—

That it appears from the circular of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has established in the city of Hoboken, N. .J, a lodge of freemasons under the title of lodge "Beton Zum Licht, No. 3," notwithstanding that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey is the regularly organized and acknowledged masonic authority in that state. This the Grand Lodge of New Jersey declares to be an illegal and unmasonic invasion of her territory, and a gross and unwarranted violation of her exclusive rights and authority. The committee cordially assent to the view laid down by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and condemn the invasion of her territory as a breach of universally recognized masonic law. They recommend that all masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be cautioned against visiting lodge "Beton Zum Licht, No. 3," located in the city of Hoboken, and that the lodges in this jurisdiction be warned against receiving as visitors any members from the said lodge.

That it appears from the circular of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, that in the city of Detroit, certain persons, without any authority whatever, have associated themselves together, and pretend to confer the degrees of freemasonry in lodges with the titles of "Faith," "Hope," and "Charity." The committee recommend that all masons under this jurisdiction be cautioned against holding any masonic intercourse with the members of these pretended lodges.

That the matter referred to in the circular of the Grand Lodge of

Massachusetts is dealt with in the report of the board of general purposes.

The committee recommend that grand lodge order the necessary information, in respect to these matters, to be communicated to the several lodges under its jurisdiction as soon as possible.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,
A. G. BLAKSLEE,
GEORGE TODD.

It was moved by the R. W. the Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That the foregoing report be received and adopted.

The hour appointed for the instalation of officers having arrived, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Wedderburn, addressed grand lodge, as follows:—

MOST WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN:—Before retiring from the office of grand master, I desire to make one or two remarks. While the office I am about to relinquish is one of very great honor, I have found it one of very great and grave responsibility. To the mind of a person not daily called to the performance of its duties, this responsibility can scarcely assume its true proportions. I have however, earnestly endeavoured faithfully and impartially to perform those duties, to the end that I might be enabled to lay down this gavel and yet retain your confidence, and return to you these insignia of office untarnished, and with the calm consciousness that I have guarded them from dishonor. While it is and will long remain a matter of very deep regret, that insuperable obstacles, referred to in my address, have prevented me from making a full official visitation of the lodges within this jurisdiction, yet with the exception of this regret, I look back upon my term of official service, as deputy grand master and as grand master, with the kindest and happiest recollections. The dignity of office has been enhanced, and the duties thereof have been lightened, by the very many marks of esteem and confidence and affection which have distinguished the generous support and co-operation which I have always enjoyed from you, M. W. brethren, and from every freemason with whom, officially or otherwise, I have been brought in contact or correspondence. From the R. W. brother whom you selected as my deputy, and from the V. W. grand secretary, I have particularly received the most

valuable assistance of their great masonic zeal and ability. I shall leave this chair, I sincerely hope, deeply impressed with the conviction that grand lodge and the craft have even greater claims than ever upon my heart and the best service I can render them, because I shall have gathered from my occupation of the grand east, many reasons why, in less exalted stations, I should gratefully labor for the welfare of our great institution. Allow me therefore, to thank you, M. W. brethren, and all my brethren, with the heartiest sincerity, for the uniform kindnesses, the unvaryng support and many evidences of affection and confidence which I have enjoyed during my term of office. And while, year after year, these and other necessary changes, mark the mutability of all our earthly relationships however pure and however prized, let us study with profounder reverence, the imutability of the great cardinal points and principles of our institution, that when called to lay aside the habiliments of our "work," it may be to pass to perpetual rest, followed by the affectionate memorials of the esteem and confidence of those who may survive us.

The Grand Master elect, R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, was obligated, invested and installed by M. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, and was saluted and proclaimed, "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz :—

V. W. William F. Bunting,. . .Grand Secretary.
W. Harry Beckwith,. . . . . .Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Duncan S. Harper,. . . . .Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Robert R. Call,. . . . . .Grand Director Ceremonies.
W. G. Hudson Flewelling,. Ass't G. D. Ceremonies.
W. Charles A. Holstead,. .Grand Sword Bearer.
W. W. Wallace Gordon,. . .Grand Standard Bearer.
W. Henry Card,. . . . . .Grand Organist.
W. Joseph C. Hatheway,. .Grand Pursuivant.
W. G. E. Fairweather,. . . . . .Grand Steward.
W. Henry G. Hunt,. . . . . "

W. JAMES SAUNDERS,..... "
W. J. ALFRED CLARK,..... "
W. HENRY DUFFELL,..... "
W. HENRY J. THORNE,..... "
W. WM. G, MATTHEWSON,... "
W. CHARLES MCGEE,..... "
W. GEORGE L. TAYLOR,..... "
W. HENRY C. WILLISTON,... "
W. ROBERT HALLET,..... "
W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL,... "

The following officers, elected and appointed, being present, were installed, invested and proclaimed, viz:—

R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. ISAAC W. DOHERTY,.....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. THOMAS J. ROBINSON,...Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. HOWARD SPRAGUE,..Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,.....Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. HARRY BECKWITH,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,...Grand Pursuivant.
W. GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER,...Grand Steward.
W. JAMES SAUNDERS,..... "
W. HENRY DUFFELL,..... "
W. HENRY J. THORNE,..... "

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that he should embrace the earliest opportunity to install, in their own lodges, the officers not present at this time.

The following brethren were appointed to the board of general purposes for the ensuing year:—
R. W. B. LESTER PETERS, ...Past Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN, .Past Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE,... Past Senior Grand Warden.
W. ALFRED A. STOCKTON,....Past Master Lodge No. 19.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,..Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. DAVID MAIN,.....Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Past Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARK N, POWERS,.....Past Master Lodge No. 3.
W. HENRY LEONARD,..... Past Master Lodge No. 8.
W. HENRY DUFFELL,.....W. Master Lodge No. 10.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master, if he deem it advisable, may appoint a committee, during the recess, to make arrangements for a festival at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. A. G. Blakslee, P. M. Lodge No. 19, and

Resolved, That the board of general purposes be authorized to procure a new and full suit of regalia for grand master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That a ritual committee be appointed who shall be custodians of the work.

Whereupon, the following were appointed such committee:—M. W. the Grand Master; R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M.; R. W. the Deputy Grand Master; V. W. the Grand Secretary; W. Bro. A. A. Stockton, P. M.; and W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, P. M.

All business before grand lodge having been disposed of, it was closed in *ample* form and with solemn prayer.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy:

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1871.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended. or Excluded.	Died.	Total Members.
1	Albion,	9	10	9	4	....	5	11	1	176
2	Saint John's,	14	13	12	2	2	3	....	1	123
3	Hibernia,	18	15	16	....	....	4	12	2	143
4	Sussex,	....	1	1	....	....	3	....	1	42
5	Saint Mark's,	6	5	2	3	1	....	....	1	66
6	Solomon's,	10	8	5	3	....	1	1	....	70
7	Sussex,	11	12	12	1	....	5	....	2	79
8	Carleton Union,	13	13	9	1	....	....	....	2	118
9	Midian,	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	24
10	Union of Portland,	12	16	12	1	....	5	....	2	157
11	Woodstock,	3	7	8	1	2	4	....	1	68
12	Saint George,	12	11	8	1	1	....	1	....	78
13	Corinthian,	2	2	....	1	....	1	....	....	25
14	Alley,	3	3	3	....	1	8	....	1	52
15	Howard,	7	8	6	....	....	1	....	1	58
16	Saint Andrew,	5	5	3	....	....	4	7	1	68
17	Northumberland,	5	6	5	2	....	4	....	1	71
18	Miramichi,	4	3	4	1	....	2	....	....	58
19	Leinster,	12	9	7	2	....	....	....	....	72
20	Salisbury,	8	8	2	....	....	....	....	....	33
21	Zion,	2	....	....	1	....	4	....	....	37
22	New Brunswick,	10	11	10	....	....	4	3	....	80
23	Keith,	10	8	8	1	....	3	....	1	43
24	Zetland,	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	32
25	Restigouche,	14	13	11	2	....	....	....	1	45
26	Victoria,	8	7	9	....	....	2	....	1	43
27	Saint John,	7	7	7	....	....	3	....	3	49
28	Lebanon,	1	1	....	15	....	....	....	....	16
		206	203	170	42	7	66	36	25	1926

List of Sister Grand Lodges, with the names and addresses of Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California,	Alexander G. Abell,	San Francisco.
Canada,	Thos. Bird Harris,	Hamilton.
Colorada,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Georgetown.
Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Delaware,	John P. Allmond,	Wilmington
District of Columbia,	Charles W. Hancock,	Washington.
England,	John Hervey,	London.
Florida,	DeWitt C. Dawkins,	Jacksonville.
France,	F. Thevenot,	Paris.
Georgia,	J. Emmett Blackshear,	Macon.
Idaho,	L. F. Cartee,	Boise City.
Illinois,	Orlin H. Miner,	Springfield.
Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Theodore S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Ireland,	Charles T. Walmisley,	Dublin.
Kansas,	John H. Brown,	Leavenworth.
Kentucky,	J. M. S. McCorkle,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	James C. Batchelor,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachussetts,	Charles H. Titus,	Boston.
Michigan,	James Fenton,	Detroit.
Minnesota,	William S. Combs,	Saint Paul.
Mississippi,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Montana,	H. L. Hosmer,	Virginia City
Nebraska,	Robert W. Furnas,	Brownville.
Nevada,	Robert H. Taylor,	Virginia.

New Hampshire,	Abel Hutchins,	Concord.
New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hough,	Trenton.
New York,	James M. Austin,	New York.
North Carolina,	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia,	Benjamin Curren,	Halifax.
Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon,	R. P. Earhart,	Salem.
Pennsylvania,	John Thomson,	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island,	Edwin Baker,	Providence.
Scotland,	Alexander J Stewart,	Edinburgh.
South Carolina,	B. Rush Campbell,	Charleston.
Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Texas,	George H. Bringhurst,	Houston.
Vermont,	Henry Clark,	Rutland.
Virginia,	John Dove,	Richmond.
Washington Territory,	Thomas M. Reed,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	Odell S. Long,	Wheeling.
Wisconsin,	William T. Palmer,	Milwaukee.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in Sister Grand Lodges.

Canada,	Aldis Bernard,	Montreal.
England,	Brackstone Baker,	London.
Maine,	Denison E. Seymour,	Calais.
Minnesota,	J. N. Castle,	Stillwater.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Nebraska,	Edwin A. Allen,	Omaha.
Nova Scotia,	William Taylor,	Halifax.
Tennessee,	George S. Blackie,	Nashville.

Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges in the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Canada,	John V. Ellis,	Carleton.
England,	Robert T. Clinch,	Saint John.

Maine, ... David Brown, ... Saint Stephen.
Minnesota, ... Charles Ketchum, ... Carleton.
Missouri, ... William F. Bunting, . . Saint John.
Nova Scotia, ... B. Lester Peters, ... Saint John.
Tennessee, ... B. Lester Peters, ... Saint John.

Officers of Grand Lodge for the year 1872-73.

M.W. Grand Master, ... John V. Ellis, ... Carleton.
R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Edward Willis, ... St. John.
R.W. Senior Grand Warden, Isaac W. Doherty, ... Richibucto.
R.W. Junior Grand Warden, Thos. J. Robinson, ... Milltown.
V.W. Grand Chaplain, ... Rev. Howard Sprague, . . Portland.
V.W. Grand Treasurer, ... Wm. H. A. Keans, ... St. John.
V.W. Grand Secretary, ... Wm. F. Bunting, ... St. John.
W. Senior Grand Deacon, Harry Beckwith, ... Fredericton.
W. Junior Grand Deacon, Duncan S. Harper, ... Shediac.
W. Grand D. Ceremonies, Robert R. Call, ... Newcastle.
W. A. G. D. Ceremonies, G. H. Flewelling, ... Clifton, K.C.
W. Grand Sword Bearer, Chas. A. Holstead, ... Moncton.
W. G. Standard Bearer, . . Wm. W. Gordon, ... Bathurst.
W. Grand Organist, ... Henry Card, ... St. John.
W. Grand Pursuivant, ... Jos. C. Hatheway, ... St. John.
W. Grand Steward, ... G. E. Fairweather, ... St. John.
W. do. . . . . Henry G. Hunt, ... St. John.
W. do. . . . . James Saunders, ... St. John.
W. do. . . . . J. Alfred Clark, ... Carleton.
W. do. . . . . Henry Duffell, ... St. John.
W. do. . . . . Henry J. Thorne, ... St. John.
W. do. . . . . W. G. Matthewson, ... St. John.
W. do. . . . . Charles McGee, ... St. George.
W. do. . . . . George L. Taylor, ... Hampton.
W. do. . . . . H. C. Williston, ... Chatham.
W. do. . . . . Robert Hallet, ... Sackville
W. do. . . . . Alex. Burchill, ... Fredericton.
W. Grand Tyler, ... Dingee Scribner, ... St. John.

Board of General Purposes.

M.W. John V. Ellis,.....Grand Master.
R.W. Edward Willis,.....Deputy Grand Master—President.
R.W. Isaac W. Doherty,....Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Thomas J. Robinson,..Junior Grand Warden.
V.W. William F. Bunting..Grand Secretary—Secretary.
R.W. B. Lester Peters,.....Past Grand Master.
R.W. William Wedderburn,.Past Grand Master.
R.W. William F. Dibblee,..Past Senior Grand Warden.
W. Alfred A. Stockton,.....Past Master Lodge No. 19.
W. James McNichol, Jr.,..Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. David Main,.....Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Robert Marshall,.....Past Junior G. Deacon—Vice Pres
W. Mark N. Powers,.....Past Master Lodge No. 3.
W. Henry Leonard,.....P. M. Lodge No. 8.
W. Henry Duffell,.....Past Grand Pursuivant.

Ritual Committee and Custodians of the Work.

M.W. John V. Ellis,.....Grand Master.
R.W. B. Lester Peters,.....Past Grand Master.
R.W. Edward Willis,.....Deputy Grand Master.
V.W. Wm. F. Bunting,.....Grand Secretary.
W. Alfred A. Stockton,.....Past Master Lodge No 19
W. Jos. C. Hatheway,.....Past Master Lodge No. 2.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

SEPTEMBER 24th and 25th, A.D, 1873.

The sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 24th day of September, A. L. 5873, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Grand Master.
R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. HENRY LEONARD, ...as Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....as Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. HOWARD SPRAGUE, Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS, ...Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. HARRY BECKWITH,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. EDWARD L. WETMORE,..as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. THOS. N. ROBERTSON, ..as Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING, Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. GEORGE E. ELLIOTT,....as Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.

W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,..Grand Pursuivant
W. GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER,..Grand Steward.
W. JAMES SAUNDERS,..... do.
W. J. ALFRED CLARK,..... do.
W. HENRY DUFFELL,..... do,
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,....Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH,.....Past Grand Master.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,.....Past S. G. Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....Past J. G. Warden.
W. JOHN WILLIS, ...Past S. G. Deacon.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Past J. G. Deacon.
W. JAMES MCDOUGALL,.....Past G. Sword Bearer.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Past G. Standard Bearer.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, jr.....Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. DAVID R. MUNRO,..... do. do.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form.

The Grand Secretary read the "Regulations for the government of grand lodge during the time of business."

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J.G.D., and

Resolved, That the reading of the records of the last annual communication be dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed among the representatives, and that they be taken as read and confirmed.

W. Bros. Charles U. Hanford and William R. Russell, Committee on Credentials, reported the following representative, in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz:—

Albion Lodge, No. 1,.....Freeman W. Wisdom, W.M.
Chas. McLauchlan, jr., S.W.
James A. Hoyt, J.W.
Robert T. Clinch, P.M.

Edwin J. Everett, P. M.
T. Nisbet Robertson, P.M.
William W. Emslie, P.M.
Geo. E. Fairweather, P.M.
Thomas M. Reed, P.M.
Christopher Murray, P. M.
Alfred Markham, P.M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,.....Thomas O. Sandall, W.M.
Augustus P. Rolph, S.W.
William M. Sears, J.W.
Wm. H. A. Keans, P.M.
Wm. F. Bunting, P.M.
James G. Forbes, P.M.
Jos. C. Hatheway, P.M.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,.....William J. Logan, W.M.
Mark N. Powers, P.M.
John Mullin, P.M.
John Johnston, P.M.
George Kilnapp, P.M.
James Saunders, P.M.

Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5,.....George E. Elliott, W.M.
Benj. R. Stevenson, P.M.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,.....Edward L. Wetmore, W. M.
Alfred F. Street, S.W.
Harry Beckwith, P.M.
George Todd, P.M.
Harris Allan, P.M.

Sussex Lodge, No. 7,.....David Brown, P.M.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,...J. Alfred Clark, W.M.
John V. Ellis, P.M.
Henry Leonard, P.M.

Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
Charles Ketchum, P.M.

Midian Lodge, No. 9,.....E. P. Flewelling, W.M.
David P. Wetmore, P.M.
G. H. Flewelling, P.M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, Charles U. Hanford, W.M.
Samuel Edgett, S.W.
John Melick, J.W.
Henry Duffell, P.M.
Robert Marshall, P.M.
David R. Munro, P.M.
William C. Morissey, P.M.

Alley Lodge, No. 14,.....David U. Porter, S.W.

Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16,.....John Robertson, S.W.
William Brown, J.W.
Edward Tweedie, P.M.
James McDougall, P.M.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19,.....Moses L. Goss, W.M.
Thomas C. Wetmore, J.W.
John Willis, P.M.
Edward Willis, P.M.
Alfred A. Stockton, P.M.
Asaph G. Blakslee, P.M.

Salisbury Lodge, No. 20,.....Elias W. Elliott, P.M.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, Robt. J. McAdoo, W.M.
Alexander Morrison, S.W.
David Dearness, J.W.
James McNichol, Jr., P.M.
William R. Russell, P.M.
Wm. G. McFarlane, P.M.

Victoria Lodge, No. 26,.....Arthur H. Milberry, J.W.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 28,.....Charles A. Bowser, J.W.

Saint Andrews Lodge, No. 29,..William Lockhart, S.W.
George F. Gregory, P.M.

St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30,.....Jacob H. Mosher, S.W.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered his annual address, as follows:—

Grand Master's Annual Address.

To the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN,—There could not be a more appropriate season for the annual assembling of grand lodge than that of the autumnal equinox, when nature is bringing to a close her labors for the year. The mellow fruit and the golden grain, which have been ripening under the summer's sun, are gathered by the husbandman who now stands face to face with the results of his labor. Spring, gorgeous in her apparel, glorious in her beauty, eloquent with the voices of nature, is the season of youth and of promise. Autumn is the season of fulfillment. Spring is rich in hope. Autumn's treasures are the realization of that hope to the industrious and faithful toiler. So, when we gather together at this autumn-tide, nature herself, speaking by a symbolism that it is not difficult to interpret, bids us remember that the fruits of our harvest are the results of our toil. As we have sown so shall we reap. If we have faithfully and diligently performed our allotted tasks in the days that have been gathered into the inexorable past, the results will be satisfactory to ourselves and beneficial to our fellows. The season should teach us to make the examination rigidly, honestly and faithfully.

It affords me pleasure to be able to say that, during the year that is just closing, the circle of brethren prominent in the affairs of grand lodge has not been broken by a single death. For His tender mercies to us in this and in every other respect we reverently offer to the Grand Architect of the Universe the "acceptable incense of obedient and grateful hearts."

There has, however, occurred in the year one death of which grand lodge will not fail to take official notice. The distinguished nobleman,

the Earl of Zetland, who, for a quarter of a century presided with such grace and courtesy over the Grand Lodge of England, whose sign manual was attached to nearly every warrant formerly held in this province, and whose name is yet familiar in our mouths as a household word, has been called to his eternal rest. It will be a proper mark of our respect to pass an address of condolence to the Grand Lodge of England on the loss the fraternity has sustained by the death of this eminent and honored brother.

We have extended our friendly relations with the Grand Lodges of Scotland, New Jersey and Michigan by an interchange of representatives. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Scotland has appointed as the representative of his grand lodge at the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, an eminent and distinguished brother, conferring on him, at the same time, an honorable past rank in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and transmitting to him through our grand secretary the jewel and clothing of that rank. I have appointed as the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Brother Alexander Hay, who has, since the organization of our grand lodge, taken a deep interest in its welfare, given us much kindly assistance, and shown our brothers visiting Edinburgh many courtesies. Brother Hay has been formally received in his representative capacity by the Grand Master of Scotland, as will be seen by the correspondence on the grand secretary's table. I respectfully ask grand lodge to confirm this appointment, and recommend, as a proper courtesy in this case, that the rank of Junior Grand Warden be conferred upon Brother Hay. I also ask grand lodge to confirm the appointment of R.W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracey as our representative to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and of R. W. Bro. Daniel B. Bruen, as our representative to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Applications for recognition have been received from bodies claiming to be Grand Orients in Egypt and Hungary. These will be laid before you by the grand secretary.

Circular letters have been received from two or three grand lodges with whom we are in friendly communication, announcing the suspension of their fraternal relations with each other. It is to be hoped that the differences existing between these supreme bodies will be speedily settled, or at least modified, so that harmony being restored, the only contention existing among regular masons shall be as to who can best work and best agree.

I have been invited by the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, as your

grand master, to participate in the ceremony of dedicating the magnificent masonic temple just completed in the city of Philadelphia. The ceremony takes place during the present week, and it was therefore, impossible for me to accept the courteous invitation. I also received an invitation from the worshipful master, wardens and brethren of Acacia Lodge at Amherst, N. S., to be present at the dedication of their new hall by the grand master and officers of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, an invitation endorsed by the venerable grand master of Nova Scotia. I accepted the invitation so endorsed in the fervent hope that I would be able to meet our distinguished brother on the borders of our respective jurisdictions, but unexpectedly, and to my very great regret, I was prevented from carrying out that intention.

Application was made to me by the Union Lodge, No. 18, Halifax, for authority to raise to the third degree, three initiates of that lodge, residents of the city of Saint John and men of color. These parties had been admitted in Halifax in violation of our jurisdictional rights, and the grand lodge of Nova Scotia had, on the matter being brought to its notice, promptly disavowed the error of its subordinate. In reply to the request, the grand secretary informed the Union Lodge, that "as this subject had been formerly remitted to the Grand Master "of Nova Scotia, it would seem to be proper and courteous to him and "to his grand lodge, that you prefer your application through the Grand "Secretary of Nova Scotia," and added an intimation that, if made in this way, it would probably be granted. Since that reply was sent nothing further has been done in the matter.

A communication has been received from Worshipful Brother D. E. Seymour, our representative at the Grand Lodge of Maine, informing us that the Alley Lodge at Upper Mills had been making masons of persons whose residence is within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine. The grand secretary has brought the matter under the notice of Alley Lodge, asking for information, and has assured the Grand Master of Maine that no such invasion of the territory occupied by his grand lodge will be permitted by the masonic authorities in the province of New Brunswick. The correspondence is not yet closed; but there is nothing in the matter to call for immediate action on the part of grand lodge. It is but just to state that the position of Alley Lodge is very peculiar. The community in which it is located may fairly be stated to exist on both sides of the boundary line, which is here but a narrow stream; and a man at one time of the year may reside on one side of the line, whilst at another time he may reside on

the other. On a recent visit to the lodge I found to my surprise that the worshipful master and many of the officers were residents in the United States. The greeting that I received from them was most cordial, and the fact that we hailed from different nationalities seemed to intensify our fraternal regards for each other. I exhorted the worshipful master to be exceedingly careful in respect of the candidates whose applications he received.

An application was made to the grand secretary on behalf of certain gentlemen claiming to be masons, and working on the line of the Intercolonial Railway, in the province of Quebec, for masonic instruction. They thought that as they were over 200 miles away from the nearest lodge in the jurisdiction within which they lived, and that as Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, was only seventy miles distant, some opportunity might be given to secure for them the instruction through that lodge which they desired. While fully appreciating their zeal for masonic knowledge, I felt that as they lived within another jurisdiction, no official steps could be taken to meet their wishes. The grand secretary so informed them.

There is a difference between the "clothing" recognized in the work and that required by the constitution. It would be well to have that difference harmonized, not only for the sake of uniformity, but because it is liable to lead to awkward results. I respectfully urge upon grand lodge to direct the ritual committee to take the question into its consideration, and to report at our next annual session if any change is desirable to harmonize this difference, and if desirable, how can it be effected.

Grand lodge is deeply interested in the masonic temple which it is proposed to erect in the city of Saint John, and for the building of which a company has been incorporated under an act of the provincial legislature. In such a company grand lodge should, for many reasons, be the principal and controlling stockholder. A masonic temple is required not only for the accommodation of the private lodges in this city, but for the accommodation of grand lodge at its annual assembly, and for the proper care of our records and other rapidly accumulating property. It seems almost useless to devise plans for founding a grand lodge library, or for procuring portraits of our past grand masters, until there are suitable apartments in which these may be placed where they can be accessible to every member of the fraternity. I earnestly recommend this matter to the careful consideration of grand lodge at its present session, with the suggestion that it would not be a heavy

burden to assume the responsibility of stock to the extent of ten thousand dollars in the masonic hall company. I believe that a scheme could be devised to raise the funds as fast as required; and that an appeal to the lodges in the jurisdiction to this end would be heartily responded to by them. The investment might not pay directly for a few years, as well as some others, but directly and indirectly it would be a great benefit to grand lodge to have in this city a masonic hall commensurate with the standing and position of the fraternity. Eventually, looking at the excellence and eligibility of the site which has been chosen, the property, if judiciously managed, must yield a handsome return on the amount invested. I think that through this proposed temple grand lodge may be able to secure a permanent charity fund, which would enable us to do much good in dispensing assistance to the needy and deserving of our own family.

The sum of one hundred dollars voted last session to Zion Lodge, No. 21, Sussex, in aid of its hall, was forwarded by the grand secretary, and the lodge transmitted a kindly vote of thanks for the gift.

I found it necessary, early in the year, to suspend the labors of Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, pending the final settlement of certain charges preferred against the worshipful master elect of the lodge, and arising out of a pernicious system of canvassing for office which appeared to prevail in that lodge. The matter will, no doubt, be referred to at full length in the report of the board of general purposes, who gave the whole question a careful and thorough sifting. I most sincerely hope that the views of the board on the practice of canvassing for office may be profitably read by all the Masons in the jurisdiction. The suspension of the lodge labors was merely temporary; and the whole difficulty having been, I trust, amicably settled, this spirited lodge will proceed harmoniously in its work. I have, since the installation of its officers, twice attended its meetings unofficially, and have seen no interruption in the good feeling that should ever characterize the meetings of a masonic lodge.

An application was made to me personally, by a brother hailing from a sister jurisdiction, to issue a circular as grand master, to all the lodges in the province, asking them to subscribe, through the office of the grand secretary, to a book of which he was the author. The brother was suffering from a severe infirmity, which prevented him from making a personal canvass through the country, and he came armed with printed letters and circulars, such as he desired to have issued here, from the grand master and other brethren high in position

in the jurisdiction in which he had resided. I sympathised deeply with his misfortune, and felt keenly my regret that a sense of duty compelled me to refuse his request. Our constitution prohibits private lodges from issuing certificates to enable brethren to proceed from place to place seeking aid. I not only felt that in a case of this kind the grand master ought not to do what was pre-eminently contrary to the system here established among our subordinate lodges, but that if the grand master proceeded to endorse the works of one brother, he would have to do it for another, and that it would be hard to draw the dividing line; one day it might be books, another day it might be some other article of commerce. If I asked the lodges to help an infirm brother to sell what might be an inferior book, could I refuse an able-bodied brother my countenance and official signature when he desired to sell masonic books? I must confess that the fact that brethren holding sway in jurisdictions whose subordinates are numbered by hundreds, had issued such circulars, and had lent the names of their grand lodges to such a system of canvassing, made me somewhat doubtful as to whether I was right in refusing the demand. But my views of the principles involved overcame my fears, and I declined the request.

Early in the year the worshipful master of Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, applied for instructions as to the course he should take in respect to a brother hailing from St. John's Lodge, No. 347, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who had been a visitor to Restigouche Lodge, and who was charged with a serious crime, in violation of his masonic vows, against the honor of a member of that lodge. I directed the worshipful master, through the grand secretary, to place the offending brother on his trial, make an investigation into the facts, and submit a report. The papers on the subject will be laid before you, and I think you will conclude with me that there are good grounds to justify, by formal vote of grand lodge, the exclusion of the accused from all masonic fellowship with the brethren in this province, and an application to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to expel him from the fraternity. I know of no other mode of reaching him, as his name is not borne upon our roll.

Several applications have been made from time to time from different lodges and brothers for information as to accepting persons not physically qualified, or concerning whose physical qualifications there appeared to be doubt. It is, of course, impossible for the grand master or the grand secretary who has never seen an individual, to judge of

his fitness, but there is one safe rule in these matters, and that is a compliance with the ancient custom. The grand secretary has, therefore, uniformly replied to all letters on this subject that unless the person is physically competent to fulfil all the requirements of our ritual, he is ineligible, it having been declared by grand lodge "that candidates must be physically qualified to fulfil all the requirements of initiating, passing and raising, and that however much it may be regretted that in particular instances the craft is, by an adherence to the ancient regulations, deprived of the membership of otherwise worthy applicants, the interests of freemasonry are best conserved by a due observance of the ancient landmarks of the fraternity."

During the year I have officially visited and inspected all of the lodges whose meetings are held in this hall. These visitations were pleasing to myself, and must have been so to the brethren visited, not not only because of the opportunities for fraternal intercourse which they afforded, but because of the large number of members of grand lodge who aided and countenanced me by their presence and assistance. I installed the officers of most of the lodges; and, in addition to the official visits, have privately visited some of them once or twice during the year. The official visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 2, was marked, not only by the interesting fact that it was the occasion of the twenty-first anniversary of the admission into the fraternity and the lodge of our grand secretary, but by a social gathering of the most pleasing character.

There is no reason why each lodge meeting in Saint John should not be a model lodge, both in its mode of work and in the conduct of its business. If there is any deficiency in either of these respects it arises out of causes which the brethren themselves may control. For three or four years the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, held here under dispensation issued to the grand secretary, has been a school in which every brother in St. John had an opportunity to learn, and to learn thoroughly. The services of our very worshipful brother, given freely, for love of the institution and out of a desire to promote its interests, have been most beneficial in training masters and other officers to faithfully discharge the duties which they are called upon to perform; and the whole of the lodges in the city, and grand lodge itself, is placed under a debt of gratitude to our brother for his unselfish labors. At the close of the last session of Emulation Lodge an arrangement was made for an exemplification by it of the third degree, before the officers of grand lodge — the work being done under

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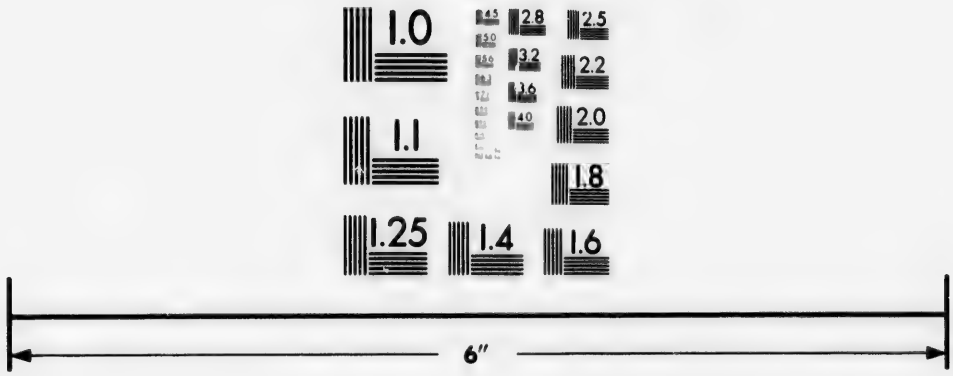

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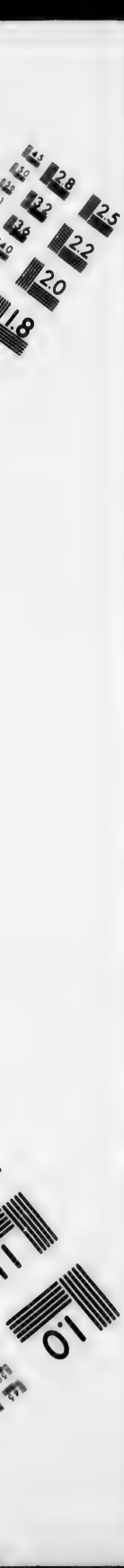
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the warrant of St. John's Lodge. Illness prevented my attendance, but Rt. Worshipful Brother Clinch, who attended in my place with the officers of grand lodge, expressed his lively satisfaction at the correct and efficient manner in which the work was rendered.

On January 6th, with the assistance of

R. W. Brother	Edward Willis,		Deputy Grand Master,
W. "	M. N. Powers,	as	Senior Grand Warden,
W. "	Jas. McNichol, jr.,	as	Junior Grand Warden,
W. "	J. C. Hatheway,	as	Grand Secretary,
W. "	Silas H. Brown,	as	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies,

and several other brethren from Saint John, I formally constituted and consecrated Saint Martins Lodge, No. 30, at Quaco, and installed the office-bearers. I believe that this lodge has before it a bright future. The brethren that I met impressed me favorably. They are anxious to do good work, and are earnest and energetic. They have already taken steps to secure the erection of a hall of their own, and are apparently determined that their lodge, though last on the roll, shall be among the first in extending the beneficent principles of the masonic fraternity.

On the 15th day of April, with

W. Brother	David R. Munro,	as	Senior Grand Warden,
W. "	C. P. Harris,	as	Junior Grand Warden,
W. "	John Melick,	as	Grand Secretary,

and with many of the brethren of Keith Lodge, No. 23, Moncton, I officially visited Zetland Lodge, No. 24, Shediac, inspected the records and installed the worshipful master and other office-bearers. This lodge has a neat hall for its own use; we found its general condition satisfactory and a good spirit prevailing.

On May 27th I visited Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, at Sackville, accompanied by

Brother Geo. H. Clark, as Grand Secretary.

We examined the records of the lodge, and inspected a portion of the work in the first degree. This lodge was instituted in 1871. It has not made very rapid progress, but it has recently moved into a new room, and appears to be in better condition than it was when I visited it in 1872. It has a devoted and faithful member in Past Master Hallett, and several of the brethren are well informed in the ritual. The lodge is situated in a flourishing section of the province, and may be made to take a very important position.

On June 4th, with

R. W. Brother	Edward Willis,		Deputy Grand Master,
W. "	F. W. Wisdom,	as	Senior Grand Warden,
W. "	M. L. Gross,	as	Junior Grand Warden,
V. W. "	W. F. Bunting,		Grand Secretary,
"	J. Smith McLaren,	as	Senior Grand Deacon,
"	Thomas Walker,	as	Junior Grand Deacon,

and accompanied by many other brethren from St. John, I officially visited Zion Lodge, No. 21, Sussex, and made the usual inspection. The first and third degrees were conferred under the direction of the officers of grand lodge. Zion Lodge, although it has not a large membership, owns a very fine hall, which is now approaching completion, and is in the hands of earnest and devoted brethren.

On the following evening, June 5th, accompanied by

R. W. Brother	Edward Willis,		Deputy Grand Master,
W. "	Henry Leonard,	as	Senior Grand Warden,
W. "	Chas. U. Hanford,	as	Junior Grand Warden,
V. W. "	W. F. Bunting,		Grand Secretary,
W. "	Harry Beckwith,		Senior Grand Deacon,

and by R. W. Brother John Richards, P. J. G. W., and many of the past masters and officers of Solomon's Lodge, No. 6, I visited St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, at Fredericton, and witnessed an exemplification of the work. In this lodge are many masonic veterans, and although it has only recently ranged itself under the banners of our grand lodge, the officers have made fair progress in accommodating themselves to the new order of things, and there is no doubt but that the association will be mutually pleasing.

Between the 26th and 31st July I officially visited the three lodges on the St. Croix river, in the following order:—Alley Lodge, No. 14, Upper Mills; Victoria Lodge, No. 26, Milltown; and Sussex Lodge, No. 7, St. Stephen. I was accompanied from St. John in these visitations by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, by Past Grand Master Clinch, and by W. Brothers Leonard and Forbes from St. John, and by Brother A. F. Street of Fredericton. The Rt. Worshipful Junior Grand Warden accompanied me on the official visit to Victoria Lodge; and the leading brethren of the different lodges in the vicinity enabled me to select a full and efficient *corps* of grand lodge officers on each visitation. We were also fortunate enough to receive the co-operation of Worshipful Brother Seymour, our representative to the Grand Lodge of Maine. At each visit we made an inspection of the records

and proceedings of the lodge visited. We saw portions of the work exemplified on actual candidates, or rehearsed, in each lodge. With the condition of the lodges generally I was well pleased. We had on each occasion large numbers of the brethren of our own jurisdiction and many from the neighboring State of Maine, and each meeting was as genial and pleasant a season of fraternal intercourse as it was ever my good fortune to enjoy. Making our headquarters at St. Stephen, we laid ourselves under many obligations privately and masonically to the brethren of that place, and more particularly to Past Masters Brown, Main, Inches and Rose. The benefits that must unquestionably accrue to the fraternity in that section from this official visit are largely due to the kindness and liberality of the members of Sussex Lodge.

On the 3rd September, with

R. W. Brother	W. F. Dibblee,	as Senior Grand Warden,
" "	E. J. Wetmore,	as Junior Grand Warden,
W. Brother	Jas. McNichol, jr.,	as Grand Secretary,
" "	Robt. J. McAdoo,	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies,

I made official visit to Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, Woodstock, — the first that has been made to it since the formation of grand lodge. Inspected the records, and witnessed the conferring of the third degree. This lodge has a hall solely for its own use. It has on its roll many well-informed and intelligent brethren, and its general exhibit on the occasion of our visit was satisfactory.

All of these visitations have pleased me very much, not alone because of the cordial way in which I and my officers were received, but because the lodges appeared to be in better condition than might have been expected, owing to their distance from the seat of the central authority. I will not say that the ritual is, in every case, wholly identical in language with that adopted by grand lodge, but it is sufficiently near the standard to enable men who desire to live by its teachings to become good masons. The records generally are well kept, and the business with few exceptions is transacted correctly. All of the lodges are properly supplied with the lights, jewels, working tools and other requisites for a proper rendering of our ceremonies. I pointed out to each lodge, either in the work or in the mode of transacting business, any mistake or discrepancy that I thought should be rectified, and the suggestions made, and even the rebukes administered, though these were happily few, were received in the best possible spirit.

Among the variety of questions propounded officially for my con-

sideration there were few of general interest. To an enquiry whether a resident of a neighboring province could be accepted in a lodge in this jurisdiction, the lodge nearest his residence in the other province consenting, I directed the grand secretary to reply that I thought the consent of the grand master of that jurisdiction must be obtained by the applicant, to enable him to petition away from the jurisdiction in which he lived. I can understand a lodge waiving its rights over a candidate to another lodge on the same registry ; but it appears to me to give permission to go outside of the limits of the grand lodge in which a man lives is a sovereign act, and cannot be exercised by a subordinate. I decided, on an application to that effect, that the law and practice in this province did not allow of the installation in public of the officers of a lodge, and I knew of no power possessed by the grand master to enable him to issue a dispensation to legalize such a public installation. I also decided that the refusal of a lodge to receive the petition of an applicant for initiation is equivalent to a rejection, and that a candidate whose petition has not been received cannot again petition within six months. I decided, also, that a ballot taken upon an application for admission is irregular and illegal, when the grand lodge laws respecting the sending of the name, age, residence and occupation of the petitioner to every member of the lodge, have not been obeyed.

Among the dispensations issued during the year was one to enable Keith Lodge, No. 23, Moncton, to hold a meeting for the election of its office-bearers, the lodge having failed to hold a meeting on the day fixed by law for the election. I also issued a dispensation to enable the Worshipful Master of Salisbury Lodge to serve a third term, as there was no past master in the lodge, and none of the wardens was willing to accept the chair. Few dispensations have been issued to enable lodges to pass or raise brethren within the constitutional period. Several applications for dispensations have been refused, and in the cases granted the emergency seemed to justify the exercise of the power vested in the grand master by the constitution. When dispensations have been applied for to enable lodges to wear masonic clothing at public balls or parties of a mixed character, attended by other persons than masons or members of their own households, I have reluctantly granted the dispensations, because it appears to have been the custom to permit the display of masonic clothing at such parties. But the grand secretary has endeavored to impress upon lodges that the custom would be more honored in the breach than in the observance,

and that it was not desirable to give entertainments of this kind, throwing them open by public advertisement to all kinds of persons. I have found that, occasionally, lodges desiring dispensations have issued summonses, invited other lodges to participate in their arrangements, and proceeded entirely as though the granting of a dispensation was a mere matter of form, to be had simply for the asking. In one or two cases I have felt it to be my duty to refuse applications for dispensations, after lodges had made their arrangements, and my only regret was that some innocent brethren were put to much inconvenience by the neglect or indifference of the master and wardens to take the right steps at the proper time.

The bye-laws of several lodges have been submitted for approval during the term. Where lodges have adopted as part of their bye-laws the provisions of the constitution, I have, as far as possible, erased them, thinking it quite unnecessary (and likely to lead to errors) for a lodge to adopt as a local regulation one that is already binding as a general regulation.

On examining the bye-lays it appears that much confusion exists in the minds of many of the compilers as to the terms "exclusion" and "suspension." These terms are not synonymous. If a brother is "excluded" his connection with his lodge ceases, and he becomes an involuntary unaffiliate. He can only renew his membership in that or any other lodge by following the usual forms for the admission of adjoining members and by undergoing a ballot. "Suspension" does not erase a brother's name from the roll, or absolutely terminate his membership; and in a case where he is suspended for non-payment of dues, his membership may be resumed without any vote of the lodge. I refer to this because lodges are constantly dealing with excluded brethren as if they were suspended, and occasionally with suspended brethren as if they were excluded. A reference to the constitution, page 46, sec. 28, and to page 47, secs. 28 and 29, will show at once that these terms are not convertible.

During my term of office I have freely asked the advice of the board of general purposes on many questions that have arisen for consideration, and that advice has been heartily, freely and faithfully tendered me. I have received every possible assistance from the grand secretary, whose knowledge, correctness and promptness in the discharge of his duties I most heartily recognize; and I have also to return thanks to many distinguished brethren abroad with whom I have corresponded for information given me, and particularly to our

Very Worshipful Brother T. B. Harris, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I have felt it to be one of the duties of my office to carefully note the proceedings of the grand lodges with whom we are in fraternal association, and have, in addition to this, perused the somewhat voluminous reports of the committees on "foreign correspondence" published by many of our sister grand lodges, in which there is sometimes a singular blending of useful information with unnecessary and often injudicious criticism. It appears to me that what may be called the domestic affairs of one jurisdiction are scarcely fit subjects for public criticism in another. Slight differences in the law or practice of one grand lodge are surely not worthy the solemn consideration of even a "foreign correspondence" committee of another. I know of no advantage that can result to freemasonry by attempting to reduce all its forms, ceremonials and observances to one level. It is enough that the essential principles, the aims, the objects of the fraternity, are everywhere the same. Let that suffice. In our respective jurisdictions there is enough practical work to do, without striving for the unattainable and the unnecessary. Generally, the fraternity is in a flourishing condition, and generally harmony prevails. But there are some disturbing elements at work, and occasionally the "sound of the hammer is heard." The voice of freemasonry should ever be the voice of peace. Even nations are beginning to discover that important differences may be settled without an appeal to force. Must we learn, instead of being able to teach? Why should regular grand lodges suspend their amicable relations with each other because they differ on a question that may be even considered of much importance? There is nothing so important in freemasonry as harmony. Its highest law is the law of fraternal love. The attempt of one grand lodge to force another to adopt its peculiar views on any masonic question by suspending fraternal relations, and by issuing high-sounding denunciatory edicts, is certainly subversive of the genuine spirit of this institution. It is more in keeping with that spirit to sustain a wrong than to indignantly resent it. Kindly efforts to settle troublesome questions need never be exhausted in freemasonry. If they fail the seventh or the seventy-seventh time, they will eventually be successful. When I read of grand lodges endeavoring to redress real or imaginary wrongs by a cessation of harmonious relations, by the suspending of fraternal intercourse, and by issuing fierce proclamations, I mourn over the spectacle, but I feel at least a melancholy satisfaction in the

thought that the war, while it lasts, must be carried on entirely on paper.

I would not have referred at such length to any interruptions of the general harmony, did I not think that there is a growing tendency in some grand lodges to compel others to an adoption of their views on various masonic questions by the exercise of force where argument has failed. Such a tendency is to be regretted, though there is little danger of it ever becoming general; but the effort to make it so is damaging to the best interests of the fraternity, and may even prove disastrous to sound masonic government.

In committing to your consideration the various topics to which I have referred, and the various questions which must necessarily arise during the session, I do so brethren, in the full confidence that the spirit of toleration and kindness which has ever characterized our legislation, and which has done us good service in uniting us in this grand lodge, will continue to animate and influence us all. We cannot settle every perplexing question by legislation. Indeed, the more law we have the more does the difficulty increase of satisfactorily expounding the law, and of holding evenly the "doubtful balance of right and wrong." The better I become acquainted with masonic subjects the more I am convinced of the wisdom of that wise conservatism which pervades the legislation of the grand lodges of the mother country — a legislation which, dealing largely with general principles, leaves to the subordinate bodies the widest latitude commensurate with lawful discipline, thus developing, instead of cramping, their individuality. The noble practical charities of these grand lodges are the rich fruits of their wise legislation, and are examples of masonic beneficence and benevolence which it should be our glory, as far as we can, to imitate.

It was moved by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That the grand master's address be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

Whereupon, the following were appointed such committee:

W. Bros. Jas. G. Forbes, Robert Marshall and Geo. E. Fairweather.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary submitted his annual report and account, as follows:

Annual Report of Grand Secretary.

To the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The Grand Secretary begs respectfully to report:—

That he received from various sources, during the year just ended, the sum of $1,380.49, upon the following accounts:

Registration fees,	$246 00
Certificates,	230 50
Annual dues,	802 80
Dispensations,	19 50
Constitutions, &c.,	30 70
Balances of former years,	50 99
Total,	$1380 49

The several amounts, as received, were paid to the grand treasurer, and a detailed account furnished the board of general purposes.

The annual returns for the year ending December 27th, 1872, have been made by all the lodges in the jurisdiction, with the solitary exception of Sussex Lodge, No. 4, of Dorchester. A synopsis of these returns exhibits the *work* of the year, as follows:

Number Initiated,	224
" Passed,	219
" Raised,	215
" Joined,	54
" Reinstated,	6
" Withdrawn,	94
" Suspended and excluded,	36
" Died,	21
Total number of members,	2038

Twenty dispensations were issued by authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, for the following purposes:

To confer degrees at short periods,	7
To bury deceased brethren,	8
To authorize a lodge to elect officers, the lodge having omitted to do so at the regular time,	1
To elect a worshipful master for a third year,	1
To wear regalia in public,	3
Total	20

The grand secretary superintended the publication of the proceedings of the last annual communication, under the direction of the board of general purposes, and distributed them in the usual manner.

He has received, with few exceptions, the printed proceedings of sister grand lodges, and has pleasure in acknowledging the fraternal courtesy extended to grand lodge by the publishers of the following masonic periodicals, furnished free of charge, viz. :

"The St. Louis Freemason," Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of Missouri, editor and proprietor,

"The Masonic Jewel," of Memphis, Tennessee, Bro. A. J. Wheeler, editor and proprietor,

"The Texas Masonic Mirror," of Houston, Texas. Bro. B. T. Kavanaugh, M. D., editor,

"The Masonic Magazine," published at London, England, by Bro. George Kenning,

"The Masonic Token," published at Portland, Maine, by Bro. Stephen Berry,

"The Michigan Freemason," published at Kalamazoo, and edited by Bro. Foster Pratt, Grand Secretary of Michigan,

"The Freemason's Repository," published at Providence, Rhode Island, by Ferrin & Hammond.

He has also received a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine from its organization A. D. 1820 to A. D. 1847, a neatly bound volume,

Presentation copies of the constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, — the former published A. D. 1873, the latter A. D. 1872,

The Calender of the Grand Orient of France for 1873,

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book for 1873, published by Bro. George Kenning, London, England ; and

The United States Masonic Register, from the compiler, W. Bro. Levi P. Lemont, of Bath, Maine.

The acknowledgments of grand lodge are due the several donors for their fraternal consideration and generosity.

Acting upon a suggestion contained in the last annual report of the grand secretary, grand lodge appointed a library committee, consisting of the president, vice-president and secretary of the board of general purposes. In January last this committee issued printed circulars, and addressed them, through the secre-

taries of the respective lodges, to every member of the craft, as follows :

GRAND LODGE F. & A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

DEAR BROTHER, — A well-ordered and well-furnished library, under the control and management of grand lodge, must commend itself to the favorable consideration of every member of the craft throughout the province.

To make it effective and valuable its shelves must be supplied not only with works of a purely masonic character, but with those embracing the general literature of the past and the present, to the end that every class of reader and scholar may be instructed.

Grand lodges in various parts of the world have already taken the initiative in this direction, and are now enjoying the benefits accruing therefrom in the increased zeal and masonic knowledge of the brethren within their several jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, stimulated by these considerations, and desirous of occupying a leading position in *all good works*, did, at the last annual communication, resolve upon the formation of a Masonic Library, the success and permanent establishment of which, it is hoped, will receive the hearty concurrence of all freemasons.

The undersigned committee, appointed by grand lodge to superintend the LIBRARY, desire to lay the matter before every member of the fraternity, and to ask each to give a helping hand; it being of course well understood that the limited resources of grand lodge will prevent any large appropriation towards the LIBRARY FUND, and are necessarily inadequate to prosecute the work with desired success. Under these circumstances the committee are induced to appeal to the brethren generally throughout the province for assistance and cooperation.

Donations in MONEY, BOOKS, MANUSCRIPTS, ENGRAVINGS, &c., &c., will be most acceptable.

Brother: You are fraternally solicited to assist in this really good work, and are requested to secure the cooperation of your brethren and friends.

Forward books of every class and description.

Books on History; Books on Biography; Books on Science; Books on Art; Books on all subjects.

Forward donations in money.

Give all the aid in your power.

Please direct to the Grand Secretary, who will defray all postage and express expenses.

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD WILLIS, D. G. M.,
Prest. Board G. P.
ROBERT MARSHALL,
Vice-President.
WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

Saint John, N. B., 20th January, 1873.

Extraordinary as it may seem, only two responses were made to this appeal, fraternally made to the large number of masons in the jurisdiction, viz : by Bro. Thos. H. Lynn, of Saint John's Lodge, No. 2, and W. Brother Robert Marshall, of Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10. From the former the grand secretary received a donation in money,

and from the latter a large number of volumes and pamphlets. The thoughtful and generous acts of these brethren stand out in bold relief against the apparent lethargy of the remaining members of the craft.

Taking advantage of the visit of Past Grand Master R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters to Great Britain and Europe, the committee placed in his hands a draft for twenty pounds sterling, to be expended in the purchase of books, &c. The opportunity thus afforded, together with the well known good judgment and erudition of Bro. Peters, will be advantageous to the contemplated library.

In furtherance of this *good work* the grand secretary mailed circulars to the grand secretaries of sister jurisdictions, as follows :

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY F. & A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

ST. JOHN, N. B., 19th February, 1873.

To R. W. Bro.....

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge F. A. M. of.....

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother,—

May I fraternally ask you to assist us in our efforts to secure the printed proceedings of sister jurisdictions.

Our Grand Lodge was organized in 1867, and we are particularly desirous to possess, for our library shelves, complete sets of proceedings from that year to the present. We also desire to procure reprints, in so far as they have been issued.

If the proceedings of your grand lodge have been reprinted, and if you can and will spare us a copy, we will feel deeply grateful, and will cheerfully pay the publishing price together with the expense of forwarding by express or mail.

Since 1867 we have received the proceedings of your grand lodge for the several years, except the following, viz.,..... Will you kindly supply the missing years, if you can?

Relying on your friendly and fraternal offices in our behalf,

I remain,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

W. F. BUNTING,

Grand Secretary.

He has pleasure in acknowledging the fraternal courtesy of the Grand Secretaries of Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Virginia and Washington Territory, who promptly furnished the missing years of their respective grand lodges.

The number of copies of the last edition of the constitution is becoming so limited that a further supply will soon be needed. In considering this matter it might be advisable for grand lodge to entertain the propriety of appointing a committee to revise the constitution prior to any order being given for publication.

The grand secretary has made arrangements with the proprietors and managers of the Intercolonial Railway, the Consolidated E. & N. A. Railway, the N. B. and Canada Railway, the Quebec and Gulf Ports S. S. Co., and the steamer City of Saint John, for the conveyance of brethren attending grand lodge, to and from Saint John during the present session, at excursion rates of fare. He begs to suggest that grand lodge express by vote its thanks for the liberality thus extended.

In accordance with section 6, page 27, of the constitution, the following notice to amend the constitution has been duly fyled by W. Brother Henry Duffell, P. M. of Lodge No. 10, viz. :

"I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of grand lodge I shall move to strike out section 3 of the constitution, under the head of 'Private Lodges.'

August 20th, 1873. H. DUFFELL."

The books, accounts, papers, &c., of the grand secretary's office are submitted for the inspection of grand lodge.

The reports from the respective lodges throughout the jurisdiction tend to show that they are steadily increasing in numerical strength, and that their affairs generally are in a satisfactory and flourishing condition.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., 24th September, 1873.

William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Cash received from		Albion Lodge,	No. 1,	$86	70
"	"	St. John's,	" 2,	78	00
"	"	Hibernia,	" 3,	89	40
"	"	Sussex,	" 4,	28	59
"	"	St. Mark's,	" 5,	48	30
"	"	Solomon's,	" 6,	48	60
"	"	Sussex,	" 7,	69	80
"	"	Carleton Union,	" 8,	94	40
"	"	Midian,	" 9,	9	60
"	"	Union of Portland,	" 10,	103	10
"	"	Woodstock,	" 11,	29	40
"	"	St. George,	" 12,	77	60
"	"	Corinthian,	" 13,	19	60

Cash received from	Alley Lodge,	No. 14,	33 10	
" "	Howard,	" 15,	24 80	
" "	St. Andrew,	" 16,	34 40	
" "	Northumberland,	" 17,	29 50	
" "	Miramichi,	" 18,	46 50	
" "	Leinster,	" 19,	50 80	
" "	Salisbury,	" 20,	21 90	
" "	Zion,	" 21,	30 40	
" "	New Brunswick,	" 22,	61 50	
" "	Keith,	" 23,	38 00	
" "	Zetland,	" 24,	24 80	
" "	Restigouche,	" 25,	53 10	
" "	Victoria,	" 26,	52 70	
" "	St. John,	" 27,	29 20	
" "	Lebanon,	" 28,	13 20	
" "	St. Andrew's,	" 29,	15 50	
" "	St. Martin's,	" 30,	38 00	
				$1380 49

1873. Cr.

Feb'y 13, Cash paid grand treasurer,	$500 00	
Aug. 27, " "	666 28	
Sept. 16, " "	214 21	
		$1380 49

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

Saint John, N. B., 16th Sept., 1873.

The V. W. the Grand Treasurer presented his annual account, as follows:

William H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

1872. Dr.

Sept. 14, To balance in bank B. N. America,		$609 36
1873.		
Feb'y 13, " cash received from grand secretary,	$500 00	
Aug. 27, " cash received from grand secretary,	666 28	
Sept. 16, " cash received from grand secretary,	214 21	
		1380 49
		$1989 85

1872.		Cr.	
Sept. 28,	By paid grand secretary,		$300 00
Oct. 23,	"	Geo. E. Fairweather,	13 10
	"	Official visitation account,	34 05
	"	Donation bg. fund of Zion Lodge,	100 00
Nov. 19,	"	M. N. Powers, exp. to St. Martin's,	10 00
	"	Premium N. Insurance Co.,	6 00
	"	Rent to hall committee,	8 25
	"	D. Scribner, tyling, &c., &c.,	10 00
Dec. 17,	"	W. T. Gard, repairing G. L. jewel,	1 50
	"	Library committee of grand lodge,	50 00
1873.			
Jan'y 10,	"	Rent to hall committee,	7 50
	"	Ritchie & Johnston,	10 00
	"	C. A. Robertson,	23 00
	"	Official visitation account,	9 42
24,	"	H. Chubb & Co., printing, &c.,	167 00
	"	Edward Willis, advertising, &c.,	4 20
Feb'y 20,	"	Geo. Aikman, for certificates,	179 46
Aug. 20,	"	H. Chubb & Co., printing,	25 70
	"	Hall committee, rent,	9 25
	"	Knox & Thompson, box,	19 00
	"	Library committee grand lodge,	98 03
	"	McKean & Fairweather,	5 60
	"	Official visitation account,	58 00
	"	Lansdowne & Martin, regalia,	271 24
27,	"	Grand Secretary, postage account,	31 96
	"	Official visitation account,	34 45
	"	Amt. deposit bank B. N. America,	503 14
			$1989 85

WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., September 18th, 1873.

It was moved by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, and

Resolved, That the reports and accounts of the grand secretary and grand treasurer be received.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, as President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the annual report of the board, as follows:

Report of Board of General Purposes.

GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
St. John, N. B., 24th September, 1873.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

1.—The board of general purposes, in submitting their annual report for 1872–73, are gratified to be able to inform grand lodge that harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, that there is evidence of true progress, and that there is manifest among the lodges a disposition to emulate one another, not only in the ceremonial work, but in those matters which afford opportunity for deeds of kindness, benevolence and charity.

2.—At the first meeting after the termination of the last annual session of grand lodge, the board proceeded as usual to the business of organization. W. Bro. Robert Marshall was unanimously elected vice-president.

3.—The printing and distribution of 500 copies of the proceedings of grand lodge, authorized by the board, was duly attended by the grand secretary.

4.—Acting under resolution of grand lodge, at last annual session, the board procured a grand master's regalia from England, the charge for which duly appears in the accounts.

5.—Deeming it of advantage to form at an early day the nucleus of a masonic library, the board placed at the disposal of the library committee $100 to procure such books as might be deemed useful to the fraternity. These books, as fast as procured, will, until more suitable quarters can be provided in the projected new masonic hall, be found in the grand secretary's office, where access can be had to them at any time.

6.—The supply of grand lodge certificates being limited, the board made arrangements for procuring a supply. The tender of Geo. Aikman, engraver, Edinburgh, for 1,000 copies, was accepted, and the certificates, beautifully executed, are now in the custody of the grand secretary.

7.—The Grand Lodge of Canada notified grand lodge that all official

correspondence and communication had, on the 24th of October, 1872, been suspended with the Grand Lodge of Vermont, in consequence of the adoption by the latter of the following resolution, which was laid before the board and duly filed :—

"*Resolved*, That unless the Grand Lodge of Canada, at its next session, withdraws from and ceases to assert any jurisdiction over any lodge of masons in the province of Quebec, the Grand Master is hereby instructed to issue a circular to the different grand lodges, as well as to the subordinate lodges of this state, that the Grand Lodge of Vermont and its subordinates have suspended all masonic intercourse with Grand Lodge of Canada and masons under its jurisdiction, until the wrong is made right."

8.—Deeming it necessary to provide more thoroughly for taking care of the regalia of grand lodge, the board authorized the grand secretary to secure such wardrobe for safe keeping as might be required.

9.—During the month of December, 1872, an appeal by Bro. Wm. E. Everett against the action of the W. Master of Hibernia Lodge in refusing to entertain a charge against a member, was laid before the board by the M. W. grand master, together with the documents which formed the charge itself, for consideration and settlement. The board gave to the matter a great deal of attention, and after summoning the master and hearing his explanation, they decided to return to Bro. Everett the papers annexed to the appeal, in order that he might file his charges, and to notify him that the W. M. of the Lodge would proceed with the charges in due course. A meeting of the lodge was accordingly held, the matter brought under its notice, and against the decision then arrived at Bro. Wm. E. Everett appealed to the M. W. grand master, who laid the matter before the board of general purposes. The case received the most earnest and thoughtful consideration of the board, and after the course to be pursued had been pretty well settled, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions embodying the views of the board, pending the preparation of which the proceedings of the lodge were suspended by regular mandate from the M. W. grand master. The committee's report, after careful examination, received endorsation by the board.

It appears by the report that the charges finally preferred by Bro. Wm. E. Everett against W. Bro. Logan were three—one for using unmasonic language against said Bro. Everett; one for endeavoring to secure the position of W. Master for Bro. Saunders in 1871, by the use of a circular addressed to members; and another for endeavoring, by resort to a personal canvas, to secure the position of W. Master for himself. The first, fully admitted by the offending brother,—as indeed

all three of the charges were,—was declared by the lodge, through the medium of a resolution, not to be proper subject of a charge. An appeal by Bro. Everett against this decision was sustained, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master was directed, first, to convey to the lodge an expression of censure, and require the resolutions framed by the committee of the board to be entered in full on the records of the lodge; and next, to require W. Bro. Logan to express before the lodge, prior to his installation as W. Master, his regret at having used unmasonic language to Bro. W. E. Everett, and to "avow his error therein."

The second charge was considered fair ground for censure; but "at this distance of time" it was deemed only necessary to use a general expression of condemnation of the system of canvassing for election to office in any lodge, and to call the attention of the craft generally to the fact that canvassing for masonic office is held by the board to be against the spirit of the ancient charges and the principles on which the masonic fraternity is founded, and that this opinion is sustained by the general current of eminent masonic authorities."

As to the third charge, W. Bro. Logan, having, by "instituting a strong personal canvas for himself," gone counter to that portion of the ancient charges wherein it is laid down that "all preferment among masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit," and that "any canvassing made or used by any brother of a lodge, urging his own claims on the office of worshipful master, is highly improper and unmasonic, and subversive of the salutary rule that a master should be chosen by the unsolicited and free choice of the members, grounded alone on merit," it was necessary to censure the proceeding, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master was directed to pronounce such censure prior to the installation of W. Bro. Logan as W. Master.

The M. W. Grand Master's mandate was in due season revoked, and a special meeting of the lodge held. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by the V. W. Grand Secretary, attended this meeting and carried out the board's instruction. Bro. Logan acceeded to the requirements of the board in the best possible spirit, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master authorized an immediate resumption of the lodge proceedings. There is reason to believe that harmony now prevails, and that the work of the lodge is being conducted in a satisfactory manner.

10.—As the practice of transmitting by telegraph matters of masonic concern, which could just as easily be sent by sealed letter, is on the

increase, it was deemed by the board advisable to deprecate resort to telegraphing except in cases of urgent necessity.

11.—The finances of grand lodge are in a very satisfactory state, as will be found set forth by the report of the audit committee, as follows:

To the Board of General Purposes, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The committee appointed by the board to audit the accounts and examine the books of the grand treasurer and grand secretary, for the year ending Sept. 18th, 1873, beg leave to make the following report:

That they have carefully examined the books and accounts of the above grand officers and find them correct. Your committee desire to express their gratification at the way the books of both the grand secretary and grand treasurer are kept.

The receipts for the past year are $1380.49; the balance on hand from last year was $609.36, making a total of $1989.85. The expenditure during the year was $1486.71, leaving a balance in hands of grand treasurer of $503.14.

The grand treasurer produced the proper vouchers for all amounts paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. McNICHOL, JR.,
A. A. STOCKTON,
HENRY LEONARD,
Audit Committee.

Sept. 19th, 1873.

12.—The board concluded, after some consideration, to recommend grand lodge to make an alteration in the manner of conducting masonic funerals, by striking out the words "other lodges to attend in form," from the second line, sec. 4, page 65, of the constitution, under the heading "Public Funerals," and to insert in lieu thereof the words "the members of other lodges to attend."

13.—The grand secretary has been empowered by the board to procure the requisite consecration vessels and batons for use of grand lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,
President.

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That the report be received.

It was moved by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

Resolved, That the foregoing reports and address be printed for the immediate use of grand lodge.

It was, on motion, ordered, that the hour of nine o'clock this evening be appointed for the election of the elective officers of grand lodge.

The following resolution, moved by W. Bro. Henry Card, Grand Organist, was negatived:

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last annual communication to report upon the applications of the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah, and the Grand Orient of Brazil, for recognition, be discharged.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

24th September, 1873.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7½ o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced to grand lodge that the R. W. the senior grand warden was prevented from being present in consequence of severe illness, and expressed his regret at the cause of the R. W. brother's absence.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary read the following note directed to him by R. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, P. G. M., viz.:

V. W. and Dear Sir and Brother:

Will you convey to the M. W. the grand master and the representatives, my expressions of sincere regret, that the death of my infant child this morning, will debar me from the very great pleasure of meeting them during the current session of grand lodge, and at the same time say, that I fervently hope their session may be most harmonious and satisfactory, and greatly conduce to the further prosperity of the craft.

A communication from Albion Lodge, No. 1, extending an invitation to a dinner, was received, viz.:

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 23RD, 1873.

WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Esq.,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A. M.:

Very Worshipful Sir and Brother:

At a regular communication of Albion Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., held on the fifth day of September instant, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Albion Lodge do entertain at a dinner, to be given at the Victoria Hotel, the most worshipful the grand master, and representatives of lodges outside of the city of Saint John, attending grand lodge at the annual meeting to be held in this month.

In terms of the above resolution, the worshipful master, wardens and brethren of Albion Lodge beg to tender the most worshipful the grand master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A. M., and to the representatives of lodges outside the city of Saint John, attending the present session of grand lodge, a dinner at the Victoria Hotel, on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of September instant, at nine o'clock, P. M.

Fraternally yours,
T. NISBET ROBERTSON,
Secretary Albion Lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted, and the grand secretary convey to Albion Lodge the thanks of grand lodge for their kind and fraternal courtesy.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin R. Stevenson, Past S. G. W., presented his commission of appointment as representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Whereupon, grand lodge was called up, and R. W. Bro. Stevenson received as such representative with the usual ceremonies.

The Grand Secretary read a printed circular, dated at Alexandria, Egypt, June 1st, 1873, from a body styling itself "*The Grand Orient of Egypt; Supreme Council General for Egypt and Dependencies: Independent Rites,*" setting forth that, at an assembly held the 24th day of March last, at which all the masonic bodies in the jurisdiction were represented, S. A. Zola was unanimously elected grand master of the Grand Orient of Egypt.

It further sets forth a desire to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Grand Secretary also read a circular, dated at Pesth, April 2nd, 1873, from the Grand Orient of Hungary, desiring to enter into fraternal relations and the exchange of representatives.

W. Bro. Robert Marshall, from the committee on the M.W. grand master's address, recommended that the foregoing circulars be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

Which recommendation was accepted by grand lodge, and a committee, consisting of W. Bros. T. Nisbet Robertson, Henry Duffell, and Edward L. Wetmore, appointed in accordance therewith.

W. Bro. Marshall, from the committee on the M. W. grand master's address, recommended that the portion of the address alluding to the death of "The Earl Zetland," Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, be referred to a committee.

Which recommendation was agreed to by grand lodge, and a committee, consisting of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. B. R. Stevenson, and W. Bro. John Mullin, appointed in accordance therewith.

In pursuance of the notice given as required by the constitution, it was moved by W. Bro. Henry Duffell, Grand Steward, and agreed to:

That section 3 of the constitution, under the head of "Private Lodges," be struck out.

The following communication from R. W. Bro. Alexander Hay, of Edinburgh, representative at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was read and ordered to be received, viz.:

EDINBURGH, 27TH AUGUST, 1873.

R. W. Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to state for the information of the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, that I duly presented my commission as their representative at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to the quarterly communication of that august body, held in this city on the 4th current, and I have great satisfaction in reporting that the same was received by the Rt. Honorable the Earl of Rosslyn, M. W. Grand Master, and the assembled grand lodge, with every mark of honor and fraternal respect. My commission was received and sustained, and I was duly installed according to ancient custom, receiving from his lordship, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the right hand of fellowship extended to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

I now enter on the duties of my office, and beg you will assure the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick my deep sense of the honor conferred upon me; and it shall be my duty to discharge, to the utmost of my ability, the duties of my office, thereby, I trust, cementing a true fraternal relationship between the two grand lodges.

I am, R. W. Sir and Brother,
Yours truly and fraternally,
ALEX. HAY,
Rep. of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick at the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

R. W. Brother W. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

It was moved by W. Bro. Henry Leonard, P. M. Lodge No. 8, and

Resolved, That in consequence of the absence of R. W. Bros. Peters and Gowan, appointed at the last annual communication on the committee to whom were referred applications for recognition and fraternal relations from the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah, and the Grand Orient of Brazil; and as these brethren are not now in attendance, their places be supplied by two other representatives, in order that a report may be had at the present communication.

Whereupon, W. Bros. James McNichol, Jr., and Alfred F. Street were appointed to fill the vacancies.

The hour named for the election of the elective officers of grand lodge having arrived, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed W. Bros. J. Alfred Clark, P. M. Lodge No. 8, Christopher Murray, P. M. Lodge No. 1, and Jas. McNichol, Jr., P. M. Lodge No. 22, to act as scrutineers.

The regulations of grand lodge respecting the election of officers having been read, the following brethren were nominated and elected, viz.:

M.W. Grand Master,.....	Bro.	JOHN V. ELLIS.
R.W. Deputy Grand Master,	"	EDWARD WILLIS.
R.W. Senior Grand Warden,	"	GEORGE F. GREGORY.
R.W. Junior Grand Warden,	"	EDWARD TWEEDIE.
V.W. Grand Chaplain,.....	"	REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE.
V.W. Grand Treasurer,....	"	WILLIAM H. A. KEANS.
W. Grand Tyler,.....	"	DINGEE SCRIBNER.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING,

25th September, 1873.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 11 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The committee, on the applications for recognition and fraternal relations from the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah and the Grand Orient of Brazil, reported, as follows:

ST. JOHN, N. B., 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1873.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

Your committee to whom was referred the communications from the M. W. Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah, and the Grand Orient of Brazil, beg leave to report:

That having examined the papers laid before them, showing the proceedings of the formation and constitutions of the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah, they recognize a true spirit of harmony and brotherly love in their formation. They also find that the reported proceedings are in accordance with the accustomed usages of the craft, and they, therefore, respectfully recommend fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah.

In the absence of sufficient information respecting the Grand Orient of Brazil, your committee are not prepared to recommend recognition at the present.

Respectfully submitted,

G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,
ALFRED F. STREET,
JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.

Whereupon, it was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That the report be adopted, and fraternal relations established with the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah.

Pursuant to notice given at the last annual communication, it was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and adopted:

That section 1, page 36, of the constitution, under the title "Board of General Purposes," be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 1.—The board shall consist of the grand master, past grand masters entitled to seats in grand lodge, the deputy grand master (who shall be *ex officio* president), the grand wardens, grand secretary, and ten other members, to be appointed at the annual meeting of grand lodge, by the grand master.

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the twelfth paragraph of the report of the board of general purposes, it was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and adopted:

That section 4, page 65, of the constitution, under the heading, "Public and Funeral Processions," be amended by striking out the words, "other lodges to attend in form," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "the members of other lodges to attend."

The committee on the M. W. the Grand Master's address reported as follows:

GRAND LODGE ROOMS, 25th September, 1873.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the most worshipful the grand master, takes this opportunity to record its entire approval of the message. Having last evening recommended that, so much thereof as relates to the death of the late most worshipful the grand master of the Grand Lodge of England, be referred to a special committee, and that the applications of the Grand Orients of Egypt and Hungary be also referred to a special committee, begs leave to further report as follows:

Your committee begs to recommend that the action of the grand master in the appointment of Brother Alexander Hay, representative

of this grand lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, be confirmed, and that agreeably to the suggestion of the grand master, grand lodge do now confer upon the said W. Bro. Alexander Hay the rank of Junior Grand Warden in this grand lodge.

Your committee begs to recommend, that the appointment of R. W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of Michigan, be confirmed.

Your committee would further recommend, that the appointment of R. W. Bro. Daniel B. Bruen, as our representative near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, be also confirmed.

Your committee begs to recommend, that the suggestion of the grand master in reference to "Masonic Clothing," be referred to the "Ritual Committee," to report at next session of grand lodge.

The desirability of a masonic temple, in which every mason in New Brunswick shall have an interest, indeed which he can with pride and pleasure call his own, is an object which your committee cannot too strongly recommend to grand lodge; it would therefore cordially endorse the remarks of the grand master, and begs to recommend grand lodge to take five thousand dollars stock, payable without interest, by annual payments of not less than five hundred dollars each, and would further recommend, that the question as to additional aid to said masonic temple by grand lodge, be referred to the board of general purposes, and that the board be directed to report at the next session of grand lodge.

Your committee heartily approves of the action of the grand master, in reference to the case brought before his notice by the W. Master of Restigouche Lodge, and asks that the correspondence in this case be read by the Grand Secretary; it would also urge on grand lodge to place all the facts before the Grand Lodge of Scotland, requesting that grand body to deal with the brother according to masonic law.

Your committee begs to congratulate grand lodge on the ability, zeal and devotion exhibited by the grand master and his brother officers, in his visitations to lodges during the past year, and sincerely trusts your grand master may be enabled to officially visit every lodge, under the jurisdiction of grand lodge before the masonic year we have now entered upon has expired, as your committee believes such official visitations are of incalculable benefit to the lodges so visited.

The harmony, peace and good will that has prevailed through our jurisdiction since our last annual communication, is a matter of profound thankfulness, and which is, in a large measure, due to the wisdom

and care of our grand lodge officers, to whom the thanks of the grand lodge are due.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL,
J. G. FORBES,
GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER.

Each section in the foregoing report having been separately considered and agreed to, it was moved by W. Bro. E. P. Flewelling, W. M. Lodge No. 9, and

Resolved, That the report in full be adopted.

The committee on the death of the Earl of Zetland submitted the following report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. B. R. Stevenson, Past S. G. W., was unanimously adopted:

COMMITTEE ROOM, GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.
25th September, 1873.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the most worshipful grand master, at the opening of this session of grand lodge, as relates to the death of the Earl of Zetland, beg to report, recommending the following preamble and resolution for the adoption of grand lodge.

Whereas, Since the last session of this grand lodge, the Grand Lodge of England under the dispensation of the Great Architect of the Universe, has been called on to mourn the death of their past grand master, that eminent nobleman, The Right Honorable The Earl of Zetland, K. G., alike honored for his many virtues as a man and a mason, whose enthusiasm in masonry secured his election for a quarter of a century as grand master of England, and whose memory is fraternally and affectionately cherished by the craft in New Brunswick, for the grace and courtesy with which he administered to the welfare of English masonry in this province, while under his jurisdiction.

Therefore Resolved, That this grand lodge, while deeply sympathizing with the Grand Lodge of England, desire to record their heartfelt sorrow at the great loss which the fraternity throughout the world have sustained by the death of one whose life was so distinguished an example of a good man and true mason, and their trust that in the

unwritten history of masonry, "the sweet remembrance of his many virtues may last till time shall be no more."

And further Resolved, That copies of this preamble and resolution be forwarded, under the seal of the grand lodge, to the Grand Lodge of England, and to the family of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. R. STEVENSON,
EDWARD WILLIS.

W. Bro. George F. Gregory, P. M. Lodge No. 29, stated to grand lodge that he held in his hand the commission of R. W. Brother Robert Gowan as representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; that Bro. Gowan was unavoidably prevented from attending the present communication in consequence of urgent business which called him to a distant part of the province; and that he (Bro. Gregory) had been requested to present the commission to grand lodge, and to ask the usual reception and recognition.

The credentials were received in due form, and Bro. Gregory, as the proxy of R. W. Bro. Gowan, was accorded the usual masonic recognition.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary reported, that during the recess he had received from the Grand Secretary of Scotland a Past Junior Grand Warden's jewel and collar, to be presented to R. W. Bro. Robert Gowan, in the name and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that M. W. body having constituted R. W. Bro. Gowan a Past Junior Grand Warden.

The jewel and collar were thereupon handed to W. Bro. Gregory, who was requested by the M. W. the Grand Master to deliver the same to R. W. Bro. Gowan, with the congratulations of grand lodge upon this merited mark of esteem and fraternal regard from his mother grand lodge.

The committee to whom was referred the circulars from the Grand Orients of Hungary and Egypt, submitted the following report, which, on motion of W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M. Lodge No. 1, was ordered to be received and adopted:

MASONIC HALL, ST. JOHN,
September 25th, 1873.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick:

The committee to whom was referred the applications of the Grand Orient of Egypt and the Grand Orient of Hungary for recognition, beg leave to report:

That having only had before them the formal applications from these bodies, they would recommend that, in the absence of sufficient information, no action be taken in the matter at this session of the grand lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON,
H. DUFFELL,
E. L. WETMORE.

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. Henry Card, Grand Organist, and seconded by W. Bro. Henry Leonard, P. M. Lodge No. 8:

Resolved, That this grand lodge cordially tenders recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and freely extends to her the right hand of fellowship.

In amendment to the foregoing, it was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and seconded by R. W. Bro. David Brown, Past J. G. W.:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be and is hereby authorized to heartily extend our recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as soon as the Grand Lodge of Canada and the said Grand Lodge of

Quebec shall have arranged the question as to jurisdiction in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

25th September, 1873.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 3 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

Grand Lodge resumed the discussion on the resolutions in reference to the Canada and Quebec question.

In amendment to the amendment it was moved by W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, Grand Pursuivant, and seconded by W. Bro. James G. Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the question be deferred until the next annual communication of this grand lodge.

After a full and fraternal discussion of more than three hours on this subject, the amendment to the amendment was adopted by a large majority.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the installation of officers be held this evening at 7 o'clock.

The grand secretary read the report of the worshipful master of Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, in the case of Joseph Muir, a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 347, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who was summoned before Restigouche Lodge, tried, and found guilty of a gross violation of his obligation as a master mason.

Whereupon it was moved by W. Bro. A. A. Stockton, P. M. Lodge No. 19, and

Resolved, That the trial and verdict of Restigouche Lodge, in the case of the aforesaid Joseph Muir, appearing to be regular and masonic, the said Joseph Muir is hereby excluded from all the rights and privileges of freemasonry within the province of New Brunswick ; and that the grand secretary notify all lodges in the jurisdiction not to countenance the said Joseph Muir as a freemason, or receive him as a visitor ; and further, that the grand secretary report the circumstances of the case to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and seconded by R. W. Bro. David Brown, Past J. G. W.:

That in the opinion of this grand lodge, a mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in his lodge, until he be suspended or excluded from membership, after charges have been preferred against him, and he has undergone a regular trial.

In amendment it was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master:

That the question be referred to the board of general purposes, to report upon at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

Which amendment was adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That the grand master be hereby authorized to subscribe for the stock taken this day by grand lodge in the masonic hall company, and that the board of general purposes be directed to appoint a proxy, to represent such stock, in the name of grand lodge.

Grand Lodge was called from labor, until 7 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING,

25th September, 1873.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

Agreeably to the order of the day, grand lodge proceeded to the installation of officers for the ensuing year, when M. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, who had been unanimously re-elected grand master, was obligated, invested and installed by R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, Past Grand Master, and was saluted and proclaimed "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz:

V. W. William F. Bunting,. . .Grand Secretary.
W. G. Hudson Flewelling,. Senior Grand Deacon.
W. George Todd,. . . . . .Junior Grand Deacon.
W. James McDougall,. . . . .Grand Director Ceremonies.
W. George E. Elliott,. . . . .Assistant G. D. Ceremonies.
W. Tobias Addy,. . . . . .Grand Sword Bearer.
W. David U. Porter,. . . . . .Grand Standard Bearer.
W. Henry Card,. . . . . .Grand Organist.
W. Arthur H. Milberry,. .Grand Pursuivant.
W. Freeman W. Wisdom,. .Grand Steward.
W. Thomas O. Sandall,. . . . "
W. William J. Logan,. . . . . "
W. J. Alfred Clark,. . . . . "
W. Charles U. Hanford,. . "
W. Moses L. Gross,. . . . . "
W. Robert J. McAdoo,. . . . . "

W. HENRY A. WHITE,.....Grand Steward.
W. ALFRED F. STREET,..... "
W. JACOB H. MOSHER,..... "

The following officers, elected and appointed, being present, were installed, invested and proclaimed, viz:—

R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. GEORGE F. GREGORY,...Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. EDWARD TWEEDIE,.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,.....Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,..Senior Grand Deacon.
W. GEORGE TODD,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JAMES MCDOUGALL,....Grand Director Ceremonies.
W. DAVID U. PORTER,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. ARTHUR H. MILBERRY,..Grand Pursuivant.
W. THOMAS O. SANDALL,...Grand Steward.
W. J. ALFRED CLARK,..... "
W. CHARLES U. HANFORD,.. "
W. MOSES L. GROSS,..... "
W. ROBERT J. MCADOO,.... "
W. ALFRED F. STREET,.... "
W. JACOB H. MOSHER,..... "

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That the thanks of grand lodge be tendered the respective railway and steamboat companies for their liberality in reducing the rates of fare to representatives attending the present session of grand lodge.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That the thanks of grand lodge be conveyed to the respective editors and publishers who have gratuitously furnished magazines

and other periodicals, and to the donors of books and pamphlets contributed to the library during the past year.

The following brethren were appointed to the board of general purposes for the ensuing year :—

R. W. DAVID BROWN, ... Past Junior Grand Warden.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR., . Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. ROBERT MARSHALL, . . . Past Junior Grand Deacon.
W. MARK N. POWERS, ... Past Master Lodge No. 3.
W. HENRY LEONARD, ... Past Master Lodge No. 8.
W. HENRY DUFFELL, ... Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. EDWARD L. WETMORE, . Worshipful Master Lodge N. 6.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON, . Past Master Lodge No. 1.
W. JAMES G. FORBES, ... Past Master Lodge No. 2.
W. THOMAS F. GILLESPIE, . Past Senior Grand Deacon.

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That a committee be appointed who shall be a ritual committee and custodians of the *work*.

Whereupon the following were appointed such committee :

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS, ... Grand Master.
R. W. B. LESTER PETERS, ... Past Grand Master.
R. W. EDWARD WILLIS, ... Deputy Grand Master.
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING, ... Grand Secretary.
W. ALFRED A. STOCKTON, ... Past Master.
W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY, ... Past Master.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That the sum of —— be appropriated to the grand lodge library fund.

On motion of W. Bro. Henry Leonard, P. M. Lodge No. 8,

It was ordered, That the foregoing blank be filled in with "one hundred dollars."

On motion of W. Bro. Robert Marshall, and adopted by Grand Lodge — "that a library committee be appointed," — the M. W. the grand master appointed the president, vice-president and secretary of the board of general purposes, a library committee for the ensuing year.

All business having been disposed of, Grand Lodge was closed in *ample* form.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy:

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1872.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended and excluded	Died.	Total Members.
1	Albion,	6	5	5	3	2	16	3	1	167
2	Saint John's,	10	12	11	3	....	6	1	3	125
3	Hibernia,	15	16	16	....	1	18	....	..	141
4	Sussex,*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....
5	Saint Mark's,	9	10	9	2	....	4	....	1	72
6	Solomon's,	5	6	6	2	....	2	1	1	73
7	Sussex,	13	12	10	2	....	2	....	..	92
8	Carleton Union,	19	18	19	1	....	....	....	2	136
9	Midian,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	24
10	Union of Portland,	18	17	18	....	....	6	4	1	164
11	Woodstock,	2	3	2	1	1	12	....	..	60
12	Saint George,	18	18	20	1	....	....	....	3	94
13	Corinthian,	4	4	5	....	....	....	....	..	29
14	Alley,	4	2	3	1	....	2	....	1	54
15	Howard,	2	1	....	....	....	....	7	1	52
16	Saint Andrew,	4	4	5	....	....	5	....	1	66
17	Northumberland,	1	1	2	....	....	6	1	..	65
18	Miramichi,	6	6	7	2	1	3	6	..	58
19	Leinster,	8	8	6	1	....	3	6	..	72
20	Salisbury,	2	2	6	....	1	....	....	1	36
21	Zion,	7	6	3	....	....	2	4	..	38
22	New Brunswick,	10	11	9	2	....	2	....	..	90
23	Keith,	9	10	10	....	....	....	....	2	50
24	Zetland,	5	6	3	....	....	....	....	..	37
25	Restigouche,	14	14	15	....	....	....	....	..	59
26	Victoria,	14	15	13	1	....	....	....	..	58
27	Saint John,	7	4	4	....	....	5	....	1	38
28	Lebanon,	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	..	18
29	Saint Andrew's,	3	1	....	13	....	....	3	1	45
30	Saint Martin's,	7	7	7	19	....	....	....	1	25
	* No return from this lodge.	224	219	215	54	6	94	36	21	2038

List of Sister Grand Lodges, with the Names and Addresses of Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
British Columbia,	H. F. Heisterman,	Victoria, V. I.
California,	Alexander G. Abell,	San Francisco.
Canada,	Thos. Bird Harris,	Hamilton.
Colorada,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Georgetown.
Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Delaware,	John P. Allmond,	Wilmington
District of Columbia,	William A. Yates,	Washington.
England,	John Hervey,	London.
Florida,	De Witt C. Dawkins,	Jacksonville.
France,	F. Thevenot,	Paris.
Georgia,	J. Emmett Blackshear,	Macon.
Idaho,	L. F. Cartee,	Boise City.
Illinois,	Orlin H. Miner,	Springfield.
Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Theodore S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Ireland,	Charles T. Walmisley,	Dublin.
Kansas,	John H. Brown,	Leavenworth.
Kentucky,	J. M. S. McCorkle,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	James C. Batchelor,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachussetts,	Charles H. Titus,	Boston.
Michigan,	Foster Pratt,	Kalamazoo.
Minnesota,	Edwin D. B. Porter,	Saint Paul.
Mississippi,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Montana,	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.
Nebraska,	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.
Nevada,	Robert H. Taylor,	Virginia.

New Hampshire,	Abel Hutchins,	Concord.
New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hough,	Trenton.
New York,	James M. Austin,	New York.
North Carolina,	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia,	Benjamin Curren,	Halifax.
Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon,	R. P. Earhart,	Salem.
Pennsylvania,	John Thomson,	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island,	Edwin Baker,	Providence.
Scotland,	John Lawrie,	Edinburgh.
South Carolina,	B. Rush Campbell,	Charleston.
Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Texas,	George H. Bringhurst,	Houston.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
Vermont,	Henry Clark,	Rutland.
Virginia,	John Dove,	Richmond.
Washington Territory,	Thomas M. Reed,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	Odell S. Long,	Wheeling.
Wisconsin,	George E. Hoskinson,	Green Bay.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in Sister Grand Lodges.

Canada,	Aldis Bernard,	Montreal.
England,	Brackstone Baker,	London.
Maine,	Denison E. Seymour,	Calais.
Michigan,	D. Burnham Tracy,	Detroit.
Minnesota,	James N. Castle,	Stillwater.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Nebraska,	Edwin A. Allen,	Omaha.
New Jersey,	Daniel B. Bruen,	Newark.
Nova Scotia,	William Taylor,	Halifax.
Scotland,	Alexander Hay,	Edinburgh.
Tennessee,	George S. Blackie,	Nashville.

Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges in the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Canada,	John V. Ellis,	Carleton.
England,	Robert T. Clinch,	Saint John.
Maine,	David Brown,	Saint Stephen.
Michigan,	Benj. R. Stevenson,	Saint Andrew's.
Minnesota,	Charles Ketchum,	Carleton.
Missouri,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Nebraska,	William Wedderburn,	Hampton.
New Jersey,	Robert R. Call,	Newcastle.
Nova Scotia,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Scotland,	Robert Gowan,	Fredericton.
Tennessee,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

HELD AT CARLETON 12th MARCH, 1874.

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, held in the Masonic Hall, Carleton, on the evening of Thursday, the twelfth day of March, A. L. 5874, the following actual and acting officers were present:

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Grand Master.
R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. B. LESTER PETERS,...as Senior Grand Warden.
W. THOS. F. GILLESPIE,..as Junior Grand Warden.
W. THOS. O. SANDALL,..as Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. ALEX. BURCHILL,....as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID WETMORE,...as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. T. N. ROBERTSON,...as Grand Director Ceremonies.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....as Asst. Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. DAVID MARTIN,.....as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. ARCHIBALD ROWAN,..as Grand Standard Bearer.
W. SAMUEL FOSTER,....as Grand Organist.
W. MARK N. POWERS,...as Grand Pursuivant.

W. CHAS. U. HANFORD,...Grand Steward.
W. HENRY A. WHITE,..... "
W. WILLIAM M. SEARS,..as "
W. R. J. MCADOO,..... "
W. SAMUEL EDGETT,....as "
W. HENRY J. THORNE,...as "
W. JAMES ROURKE,.....as "
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER, ...Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form at half-past seven o'clock.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced, that he had caused this special communication to be summoned for the purpose of installing such officers of grand lodge as were unable to be present for installation at the annual communication in September last.

W. Bro. Charles U. Hanford, from Committee on Credentials, reported the following representatives present, viz.:

Albion Lodge, No. 1,.....B. Lester Peters, P. M.
Archibald Rowan, P. M.
T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.
James Adam, S. W.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,.....William M. Sears, W. M.
Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
Thomas O. Sandall, P. M.
Hiram G. Betts, S. W.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,.....John Mullin, P. M.
Mark N. Powers, P. M.
David Martin, P. M.
James Saunders, P. M.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, . . .	John C. Leonard, W. M.
	John V. Ellis, P. M.
	Henry Leonard, P. M.
	Charles Ketchum, P. M.
	Stephen P. Wetmore, P. M.
	J. Alfred Clarke, P. M.
	Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
	George Y. F. Wilson, S. W.
	William J. Ervin, J. W.
Midian Lodge, No. 9, ...	David Wetmore, W. M.
	Samuel Foster, P. M.
Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, .	Samuel Edgett, W. M.
	Charles U. Hanford, P. M.
	David R. Munro, P. M.
Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, ...	Thos. F. Gillespie, P. M.
Leinster Lodge, No. 19, ...	Edward Willis, P. M.
	Henry J. Thorne, P. M.
Zion Lodge, No. 21, ...	Henry A. White, W. M.
New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, . .	Robt. J. McAdoo, W. M.
	David Dearness, S. W.
	William Armstrong, J. W.
Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 29, . .	Alexander Burchill, W. M.
St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30, ...	James Rourke, W. M.
	Robert Gilmour, S. W.

Notes, addressed to the V. W. the Grand Secretary, were read and received from the R. W. Senior Grand Warden and the W. Senior Grand Deacon, regretting their inability to be present in consequence of illness.

W. Bro. Henry A. White, being in attendance, was installed, invested and proclaimed a grand steward for the current year.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, when the brethren repaired to the banquet room of Carleton Union Lodge, and under the presidency of the worshipful master of the lodge, ably assisted by an efficient staff of stewards, partook of a well appointed and generous collation.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Past Grand Master, proposed the toast of the evening: "Prosperity and usefulness to Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8"; which was appropriately responded to by the Worshipful Master, Bro. John C. Leonard.

The M. W. the Grand Master having requested the brethren to repair again to the lodge room, grand lodge was recalled to labor.

The M. W. the Grand Master expressed gratification at the pleasure he experienced in meeting so large and enthusiastic a gathering of the craft, and at the hearty reception and generous entertainment grand lodge had met from the worshipful master and brethren of Carleton Union Lodge.

Grand Lodge was thereupon closed in *ample* form.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy.

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

HELD AT THE
CITY OF ST. JOHN, 11th JULY, A. D. 1874.

Pursuant to notice, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, was held in the Masonic Hall, City of Saint John, on the afternoon of Saturday, the eleventh day of July, A. L. 5874.

PRESENT:

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS, ... Grand Master.
R. W. B. LESTER PETERS, ... Past Grand Master.
R. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH, ... Past Grand Master.
W. JAS. McNICHOL, JR., . . . as Senior Grand Warden.
Rev. WM. SCOVIL, ... as Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, . Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM M. SMITH, . . . as Grand Treasurer.
W. GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER, . as Grand Secretary.
W. THOMAS O. SANDALL, . . as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS H. KEOHAN, . . as Junior Grand Deacon.

W. HENRY DUFFELL,.....as Grand Director Ceremonies.
ALEX. MCNICHOL,....as Grand Standard Bearer.
JAMES H. EAGLES,....as Grand Tyler.

And a large representation of the craft from different sections of the province.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form at three o'clock.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated that he had convened this special communication of grand lodge in order to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of a venerable brother, known to all for his long connection with freemasonry in this province and elsewhere, and for his devoted attachment to the interests of the fraternity, viz.: Worshipful Brother John Willis, Past Senior Grand Deacon of this Grand Lodge, and Past Master of Leinster Lodge, No. 19.

The Grand Master further stated, that he would not at that time refer, at any length, to the masonic career and the many excellent virtues of the deceased brother, but would take a fitting opportunity, on another occasion, to pay a full tribute to his memory.

By command of the M. W. the Grand Master, the W. Grand Director of Ceremonies assumed the charge of the craft, and formed the several bodies in order of procession, under their respective banners, as follows:

NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE,.....No. 22.
LEINSTER LODGE,..... " 19.
UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND,..... " 10.
CARLETON UNION LODGE,..... " 8.
HIBERNIA LODGE,..... " 3.
SAINT JOHN'S LODGE,..... " 2.
ALBION LODGE,..... " 1.
THE GRAND LODGE, UNDER AN ESCORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

In which order they proceeded to the residence of the deceased, and taking the body in charge, conveyed it to the Rural Cemetery, where it was buried with the customary rites of freemasonry. After which they re-formed in order of procession, and returned to the hall, when the grand lodge was closed in *ample* form.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

SEPTEMBER 23rd, 24th and 25th, A. D. 1874.

The Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 23rd day of September, A. L 5874, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Grand Master.
R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....as Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. EDWARD TWEEDIE,.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,...Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,.....Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,...Senior Grand Deacon.
W. SAMUEL FOSTER,.....as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,..as Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. GEORGE E. ELLIOTT,.....Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.

W. TOBIAS ADDY, ... Grand Sword Bearer.
W. DAVID WETMORE, ... as Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD, ... Grand Organist.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR., . . as Grand Pursuivant.
W. CHAS. U. HANFORD, ... Grand Steward.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, ... "
W. J. ALFRED CLARK, ... "
W. THOMAS O. SANDALL, ... "
W. ALFRED F. STREET, ... "
W. ROBERT J. MCADOO, ... "
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER, ... Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH, ... Past Grand Master.
R. W. DAVID BROWN, ... Past J. G. Warden.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS, ... Past J. G. Warden.
W. JOHN MULLIN, ... Past G. Standard Bearer.
W. RICHARD N. KNIGHT, ... Past A. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR., ... Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. DAVID R. MUNRO, ... " "
W. HENRY DUFFELL, ... " "
W. J. C. HATHEWAY, ... " "

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form, with prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary read the "Regulations for the government of the grand lodge during the time of business."

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That the time of grand lodge be not taken up with reading the minutes of the last annual communication, as they have been printed and distributed in the usual way, and further, that they be taken as read and confirmed.

The minutes of the special communications held on the twelfth day of March, and the eleventh day of July last, were read and confirmed.

Read a note from the R. W. Senior Grand Warden, in which he expressed regret at being unable to attend grand lodge, in consequence of sickness.

W. Bros. Charles U. Hanford, Freeman W. Wisdom, and William R. Russell, Committee on Credentials, reported the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz.:

Albion Lodge, No. 1,..... Chas. McLauchlan, Jr., W.M.
James Adam, S. W.
Charles D. Jordan, J. W.
Robert T. Clinch, P. M.
William W. Emslie, P. M.
Thomas M. Reed, P. M.
Christopher Murray, P. M.
Geo. E. Fairweather, P. M.
T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.
Freeman W. Wisdom, P. M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,..... William M. Sears, W. M.
Hiram G. Betts, S. W.
Charles Inches, J. W.
Wm. H. A. Keans, P. M.
Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
Jos. C. Hatheway, P. M.
Henry G. Hunt, P. M.
Thomas O. Sandall, P. M.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,..... Andrew J. Stewart, S. W.
George E. Perkins, J. W.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,.....	James McNichol, P. M.
	Mark N. Powers, P. M.
	John Mullin, P. M.
Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5,.....	George E. Elliott, W. M.
Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,.....	Alfred F. Street, W. M.
	Stephen E. Atherton, S. W.
	James Nisbet, P. M.
	John Richards, P. M.
Sussex Lodge, No. 7,.....	David Brown, P. M.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,...	John C. Leonard, W. M.
	William J. Ervin, J. W.
	John V. Ellis, P. M.
	Charles Ketchum, P. M.
	Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
	Joseph Dunham, P. M.
	Richard N. Knight, P. M.
	J. Henry Leonard, P. M.
	Uriah Drake, P. M.
	J. Alfred Clark, P. M.
Midian Lodge, No. 9,.....	David Wetmore, W. M.
	G. H. Flewelling, S. W.
	E. M. Wetmore, J. W.
	Samuel Foster, P. M.
Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10,..	Samuel Edgett, W. M.
	John M[illegible]ick, S. W.
	John Frost, P. M.
	Robert Marshall, P. M.
	David R. Munro, P. M.
	Henry Duffell, P. M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10,. William C. Morissey, P. M.
Charles U. Hanford, P. M.

Saint George Lodge, No. 12,. . . . Gideon K. Wetmore, S. W.

Alley Lodge, No. 14,. . . . . Brewer S. Morrison, S. W.

Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16,. . . . . James D. Phinney, W. M

Leinster Lodge, No. 19,. . . . . Wm. A. Tweedale, W. M.
Edward Willis, P. M.
Alfred A. Stockton, P. M.
Asaph G. Blakslee, P. M.
Henry J. Thorne, P. M.

Salisbury Lodge, No. 20,. . . . . Tobias Addy, P. M.

Zion Lodge, No. 21,. . . . . Henry A. White, W. M.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,. . Robt. J. McAdoo, W. M.
David Dearness, S. W.
William Armstrong, J. W.
James McNichol, Jr., P. M.
William R. Russell, P. M.

Victoria Lodge, No. 26,. . . . . John W. Clelland, P. M.

Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 29,. . Alexander Burchill, W. M.
William Lockhart, J. W.

St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30,. . . . . James Rourke, W. M.
Robert Gilmour, S. W.

W. Bro. David R. Munro, Past Grand Pursuivant, presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas. The commission is dated November 8th, 1873,

and signed by M. W. Bro. James F. Miller, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. George H. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary.

W. Bro. Munro, as such representative, was received in due form, and saluted with the customary honors.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

23rd September, 1874.

Grand Lodge was called to labor to half-past seven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered his annual address, as follows:

Grand Master's Annual Address.

To the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN,—With ceaseless, measureless step Time pursues his unvarying journey. To-day we are called to one duty; to-morrow, to another. Joy and sorrow alternate in our lives like sunshine and shadow in the material world. We walk the checkered pavement amid many blessings, amid much tribulation; but neither joy nor sorrow, neither sunshine nor shadow, neither blessing nor tribulation, arrests the march of the all-devouring scythe-bearer. He exhausts the glass in which the sands of our earthly lives are stored, but he stops not a moment to watch, to mourn, or to sympathize. I can scarcely realize that seven years have well nigh elapsed since we first met for the purpose of organizing this grand lodge. These years seem to me but as the breath of yesterday's existence. Many of you present this evening were present then. Can you say what has become of the vanished years? They were, and they are not. They are a part of the record

of our early existence, yet they are but memories—wafting back to us from the past, let us hope, some fragrance, faint though it may be, of good and kindly and virtuous deeds.

In bidding you a hearty welcome to this annual co[illegible]ication, my duty requires me to invite your attention to a review of the business of the year.

The report of the board of general purposes and the report of the grand secretary will give grand lodge an idea of the state and condition of the fraternity throughout the province. Peace prevails within our borders, and a kindly and generous spirit pervades all the lodges that I have visited. When differences have arisen they have, as a rule, been amicably settled, and there have been no troubles of a serious or complicated nature. The craft is growing in numbers and in wealth; most of the lodges own their own halls; with one or two exceptions they are meeting in rooms occupied by themselves. I trust in a year or two even these exceptions will not have to be noted. The legislation of grand lodge can do much to advance the general welfare of the craft. But the observance of masonic principle, the cultivatio[illegible] the genuine spirit of the fraternity, the practice of masonic charity, [illegible]bmission to the law of universal love, rests with each individual brother much more than on any example or precept or regulation of grand lodge.

My official duties during the past year have been comparatively light. I have made no official decisions that it is necessary to specially report to you. Of course the usual questions have been asked, as though they had never been asked and answered before, as to whether a person without a foot or with part of a foot, or with some other member of his body missing, could be accepted into the society. There has been enquiry whether or not the grand master would grant a dispensation to confer two degrees upon a candidate on one day, and the grand secretary has answered that the grand master had no power to do so. The fact ought to be known to every member of the fraternity in the province that the power of the grand master to grant authority to confer degrees is limited by the constitution, and that it is utterly impossible, even with the grand master's dispensation (were he to issue one), to lawfully confer two degrees upon a candidate within the period of one week. Of course too, there have been the usual applications from lodges to wear the clothing of the craft at balls or other public masonic festivals—such applications reaching the grand secretary's office long after public announcement had been made that the festival would take place. I have endeavored to meet cases of this kind in the best possi-

ble spirit, but I sincerely trust that masters of lodges will see the necessity of ascertaining, as the preliminary step to any arrangements for a public gathering at which masonic clothing is to be worn, that the grand master is satisfied the occasion is one for which he can exercise the dispensing power. In respect of dispensations to confer degrees at shorter periods than one month, I have always endeavored to be satisfied that the circumstances justified the granting of a dispensation, and I may add, that many applications have been refused.

In the company of Worshipful Brothers James McNichol, Jr., and Geo. E. Fairweather I visited the Lodges on the North Shore of the province, viz: Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16, Richibucto; Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, Chatham; Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, Newcastle; Saint John Lodge, No. 27, Bathurst; and Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, Dalhousie. Many of the brethren of Miramichi Lodge accompanied us (as did Past Master Matthewson, of New Brunswick Lodge) on our visit to Northumberland Lodge, and during our stay at Chatham we were, as usual, especially indebted to Bro. Thomas F. Gillespie for many courtesies. We received from the brethren of all the lodges a most friendly greeting, and the members of St. John Lodge, Bathurst, in particular, fully sustained the traditional reputation of the North Shore for kindly hospitality in the attention they paid us. In all the lodges there was a very sincere desire to receive instruction, and we devoted our spare moments to this work. With the exception of the lodge at Newcastle (which is now in most efficient working order), they occupy their own halls; and at Newcastle a very fine building is in course of erection by the brethren, which will be a great public convenience, besides the accommodation it will afford the craft. With the deputy grand master, the grand secretary, and worshipful master Weelock, of Sussex Lodge, No. 7, I paid an official visit to St. Mark's Lodge, Saint Andrew's, where we inspected the work, and had a pleasant meeting with the brethren. The grand secretary and myself also visited Dorchester; though we failed to meet the lodge, we had an interview with past master Stephen W. Palmer, and past master A. E. Oulton, now secretary of the lodge. These brethren explained to us the circumstances which prevented the making their returns last year, but they showed us that the lodge had held its meetings regularly, and that better prospects were opening before it. The establishment of Lebanon Lodge, Sackville, has greatly weakened Sussex Lodge, and it is a question that the brethren themselves might well consider whether their labors would not be lightened by uniting the two lodges. There

are now five lodges in the County of Westmorland, a number that is fully equal to all the work in that section of the province. I also visited, with the grand secretary, past master Henry Duffell, of Union Lodge of Portland, and the grand tyler, Saint George Lodge, No. 12, Saint George. This visit gave us all much satisfaction. The lodge is in good hands, and does its work well. There was a large gathering of the brethren, and every evidence was afforded us that the lodge was in a prosperous condition. The number of aged and venerable members of the craft present was a striking and pleasing sight. From the leading members of the lodge we received every personal attention that courtesy could suggest; while the lodge itself, in the call to refreshment, amply sustained the traditions of the craft for hospitality.

I have also visited, at different times, accompanied by many of the brethren, the lodges in the city. Their work is generally most satisfactory.

Application has been made for a dispensation to establish a lodge at Andover, in the County of Victoria. The application is recommended by the master, wardens, and brethren of Woodstock Lodge, No. 11. It appears to me that an efficient lodge might be sustained in that section of the province, but I have delayed responding to the application, until satisfied that the petitioners are capable of working a lodge, and are prepared to sustain it.

Informal application has been made to me twice during the year to ascertain whether or not I would consent to the erection in this city of a lodge composed exclusively of men of color. There are resident here colored men who have been made in a regular lodge in the city of Halifax. There are others claiming to have been made masons in the United States under an authority not known to, or recognized by, this grand lodge. Of course a warrant could only issue to regular masons duly affiliated with some lodge upon our registry. But I have explained to the gentlemen who have spoken to me upon the subject that I do not think it advisable to establish lodges composed of men of any particular sect, colour, opinion, or nationality, as such; it is to unite men of all kinds on the broad principle of human brotherhood that the masonic institution exists. To establish such a lodge would simply be to create a distinction where now there is none. I trust and believe that the doors of our lodges are open to all good men without respect to color.

At Moncton a lodge of instruction has been opened, and is working under the direction of Right Worshipful Brother Tweedie, the Junior Grand Warden.

The board of general purposes has not come to any decision respecting an increased investment in the stock of the Masonic Hall Company; and no decision is necessary at the present time, as active steps have not yet been taken to prosecute the work. Grand Lodge is, however, committed to an annual payment of $500 a year, and I recommend that the board be authorized to pay the first and second instalments so soon as it shall be satisfied that the money is required.

A complaint preferred against Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, by Albion Lodge, No. 1, for violation of the constitution in the case of a person rejected in the latter lodge, underwent a preliminary examination by myself and the grand secretary, and the papers were laid before the board of general purposes. As the Worshipful Master of Union Lodge of Portland frankly admitted the error, and explained that so far as he was concerned the matter was an inadvertence, no penalty was inflicted, but he was directed by the grand secretary to see that the laws respecting the admission of candidates were carefully observed in his lodge, as they ought to be in all the lodges. Based upon this complaint the board will submit some suggestions to which your attention is earnestly invited.

The fraternal entertainment tendered the officers of the grand lodge, at the close of its last annual session, by Albion Lodge of this city, was in every way so satisfactory and reflected so much credit on the generous hosts, that I deemed it a duty to convey by a special letter of thanks through the grand secretary my sense of the admirable manner in which the entertainment was managed, and my appreciation, on your behalf, of the courtesy extended to the grand master and his associates.

In the year that is just closed many brethren have been called from their labour, in whose lives and work we felt a deep and abiding interest. I place first, as occurring within our own jurisdiction, the name of Worshipful Brother John Willis, a permanent member and past senior grand deacon of grand lodge. Devoutedly, almost passionately, attached to the fraternity, Brother Willis devoted the spare hours of a long life to the work of masonry. Time sufficed not to wear out his interest, or age to deaden his enthusiasm. How rarely he missed a meeting, how proud he was of his well-earned honors, how cheering were the words of counsel he addressed to us, how kindly in his latter days he appreciated the attentions of his brethren, how glad we all were to welcome him to our gatherings, and to bridge over the present and the past in listening to reminiscences of his own active masonic life. A sketch of the masonic labors of our deceased brother would properly

embrace many references to his connection with the different orders and branches of this ancient brotherhood. In this grand lodge, however, it is but necessary to point to his labors in connection with the degrees of craft masonry, in order to give some idea of how active was his masonic career. Brother Willis began his masonic life just as he was entering upon manhood. He was, at the time of his death, in the fifty-fourth year of his masonic age. I am unable to find any record of the exact date of his initiation and where he was initiated, but I infer from information which I have that he was made a mason in Cincinnati about the year 1820. I have heard him speak of being the master of a lodge in Cincinnati when Lafayette visited there, and of actively participating in the brilliant reception accorded him in that city by the brotherhood. Lafayette visited Cincinnati in 1824. Soon after that Bro. Willis must have removed to Pittsburg, in the state of Pennsylvania, for on the 1st August, 1826, he withdrew from Lodge No. 45, receiving a certificate of good standing. He went from Pittsburg to Kingston, in the now Province of Upper Canada, at once uniting with the fraternity there, becoming Master of Concord Lodge; and in 1829 he was a grand deacon of the province. I have seen a copy of the summons directing him to attend the meeting of the provincial grand lodge in that year at Little York, now the city of Toronto. About the year 1831 he removed to the city of Halifax, where he served as master of the Thistle Lodge, under the registry of the grand Lodge of Scotland, for 12 years; he afterwards founded the Royal Sussex Lodge, and was its master for a number of years. About the year 1850 he assisted in the formation of Shamrock Lodge, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and served as its master; and was also for a long time an officer of the provincial grand lodge on English Registry. In the year 1854 Bro. Willis moved to this city, and from that time until his death was identified with the craft here, acting in various capacities,—as deacon, as secretary, as master. Some idea of his services to the lodges may be gathered from the fact, that he was elected an honorary member of Hibernia, Carleton Union and Union Lodge of Portland, and that he established Leinster Lodge, under the Irish Registry, and became its first master. It was a matter of great pride to him that he had served as master of a lodge under the jurisdiction of one of the American Grand Lodges, and also of lodges under the three jurisdictions of England, Ireland and Scotland. When the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was formed in 1867, Brother Willis took a very active part in the movement. As the oldest past master in

the jurisdiction, he installed the first grand master of the grand lodge into the chair which I have now the honor to fill, and the grand lodge marked its appreciation of his busy and ardent masonic career by creating him a permanent member and confering on him the rank of past senior grand deacon. For the first time in the existence of grand lodge his chair is vacant. Never again shall we here behold his venerable form, or welcome him, as we all did with hearty plaudits, to our annual gatherings. Long past the prime of life, past the years allotted to man, while the sun was in the east, when it rose to its meridian height, and until its lengthened shadows betokened its western setting, did our brother continue his labors ; and let us hope that resting from earthly toil above, he has heard from the Grand Architect of the Universe that word which shall secure him ineffable happiness through all eternity. It was Brother Willis's often expressed desire to be buried with masonic rites. When his death occurred I deemed it eminently proper that a brother who had so devoted himself to the interests and advancement of masonry in this province, and whose whole life here, as elsewhere, had been given to the welfare of the institution, should receive at the hands of the craft the highest tribute of respect it was in our power to bestow. Grand Lodge was therefore convened in special communication, and, accompanied by the lodges in the city and many visiting brethren, our brother was conveyed to his last resting-place with all the marks of respect and reverence which were eminently his due. It is scarcely necessary for me to recommend to grand lodge proper action in respect to his memory.

Another brother to whose memory a few words are due, is Worshipful Brother Alexander Robertson, of Albion Lodge, who was made a mason about forty years ago in a lodge on the registry of the (then) Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and connected himself with Albion Lodge in 1836. In 1842, 1844 and 1845, and again in 1848 and 1849, he was called to the chair of that lodge, and for many years was an active and devoted mason. Quiet and unobtrusive in his manners, a man seeking retirement rather than desirous of winning honors or gaining applause, Brother Robertson sought his reward in the consciousness of duty faithfully performed. Beloved in his family, respected by his fellow-citizens, and esteemed by his brethren, his old age was grandly suggestive of a blissful and happy life, eternal in the heavens.

The Grand Lodge of Canada has sustained a severe loss in the death of Very Worshipful Bro. T. B. Harris, the Grand Secretary of that

jurisdiction. Bro. Harris took a prominent part in the erection of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and he had held the office of Grand Secretary almost from the formation of grand lodge to the time of his death — a period of eighteen years. To us all he was known in his official character; and his name was honored among us because of his devotion to the interests of the craft. It was only in the spring of this year that I had the good fortune to make his personal acquaintance, and I was greatly impressed by his intelligence, with the earnestness of his nature, and with the genuine courtesy which characterized his manners.

In Nova Scotia the craft deeply mourns its loss in the death of the venerable grand master, Brother the Honorable Alexander Keith, whose active connection with the fraternity extended over a period of fifty-six years, and who had served in many capacities, as well as master of a lodge, and as provincial grand master, both under the Scottish and English constitutions, and as grand master. Kind in his disposition, generous and hospitable, Bro. Keith gave character to freemasonry in the sister province, and has left the impress of his own nature upon it. In view of his former intimate relations with the craft in this province, I deemed it proper that this grand lodge should be officially represented at his funeral. I therefore issued a commission to R. W. Past Grand Masters Clinch and Peters, and to the very worshipful grand secretary, to attend as your representatives, and to convey to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia our fraternal sympathy with them in this affliction. Unfortunately, Bros. Peters and Bunting were unable to absent themselves from St. John, but R. W. Bro. Clinch attended in his official capacity, and carried out these instructions.

The death of Bro. Keith recalls to memory some facts connected with the fraternity in this province. In the year 1839 our late brother was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Nova Scotia, under the Grand Lodge of England; in 1846 his jurisdiction was extended so as to include the Province of New Brunswick, and for years he ruled this province through the Provincial Grand Lodge at Halifax. All applications for dispensations, and for authority to perform acts not allowed to the lodges, except through the intervention of the provincial grand master, were sent to Halifax. Brother Keith's sway was mild, and he generally agreed with the wishes of the brethren in this province. In 1843 the Grand Lodge of Scotland created Bro. Keith Provincial Grand Master for that registry over the two provinces. In the year 1854 a desire for a local provincial grand lodge grew so strong, that on representation to that effect, Bro. Keith appointed the late Bro.

Alexander Balloch as his deputy provincial grand master, under the English authority, giving him power to hold a provincial grand lodge; in September 24, 1856, that provincial grand lodge was constituted, Bro. Keith himself attending and installing the officers. There were then in the province, fourteen lodges, with a membership of about 600, constituting the constituency of the provincial grand lodge; and there were four or five lodges under the Scotch and Irish authorities, with a membership of about 200—making the total number of affiliated members in the province nineteen years ago about 800. We now number 30 lodges, with a membership of 2,000. Our progress has therefore, been a reasonable one. The most conservative brother cannot say that we have increased too rapidly; the most ardent cannot complain at our progress. In the year 1859, Bro. Keith resigned his provincial grand mastership in this province in favor of Bro. Balloch. On the 5th September, 1866, just ten years after his installation of Bro. Balloch, he again attended, with many of his officers, to install R. W. Bro. Clinch as Provincial Grand Master. This was Bro. Keith's last official act in connection with this Province. Having regard to the position so long held by him in New Brunswick, it would be, I think, fit and proper that a memorial page in our next published proceedings should be inscribed to his memory.

There are other breaks in the golden circle of brotherhood which I should not fail to mention, not simply on account of the masonic eminence of the deceased, but because, either personally or through their jurisdiction, their names are familiar to us. Past Grand Master Randall, at the time of his death Episcopal Bishop of Colorado, was an eminent brother, and grand orator of the grand lodge of that state, and his long connection with the craft in Massachusetts had made his name a memory, at least among many of the brethren in this province. The same state, and not only that state, but the masonic world, must feel the loss of R. W. Charles W. Moore, who, as a masonic writer and jurist, had no equal, and whose warm devotedness to this fraternity in the darkest period of its existence, at least in the present century, will make his name imperishable in masonic annals. Scotland has lost Past Grand Master, the Earl of Dalhousie, best known to us when he was Deputy Grand Master of England, under the late Earl of Zetland, for the interest he took in securing the settlement of the questions arising out of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada,—a circumstance that was due partly to his kindly nature, and partly to the fact that he had been for a time connected with the craft in Canada. Our neighboring

jurisdiction of Maine mourns Past Grand Masters Bradford and Lynde, the latter of whom especially was well known to many of our brethren, and both of whom were held in high esteem in their own jurisdiction.

Some of these brethren have been cut off in the midst of their usefulness; others of them had performed their allotted tasks whilst it was yet day, and were calmly awaiting the summons that, whether we realize it or not, will come to us all, to quit the busy scenes of life, to leave these paths in which we now so firmly tread, and to yield up to others the trusts we fill, the places we now hold. The lesson that we should learn from these evidences of man's mortality is to spend our days in the active performance of works which will enable us to enjoy the happy reflections consequent upon a well spent life, calmly awaiting our destiny in that future into the recesses of which the eye of human understanding cannot penetrate.

An application from the brethren in Louisiana for aid in consequence of a great calamity which had befallen a large portion of the state, was referred by me to the board of general purposes; their action will be duly reported to you, and I need hardly say that I concurred most heartily in that action.

The grand lodge of the same state having asked for an interchange of representatives, I have appointed R. W. Brother Edwin Marks, the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, near that grand lodge. The name of the brother selected to represent Louisiana, near this grand lodge, has not yet been transmitted to me.

There is a letter on the grand secretary's fyles from the Grand Secretary of Utah, suggesting an interchange of representatives with the grand lodge of that territory. I have not however, acted upon it. Under a strict reading of our constitution the grand master is not empowered to appoint a representative to a sister grand lodge, until grand lodge itself shall resolve to be represented in such grand lodge. The practice however, has been to appoint a representative when asked to do so. For my own part, except in the case of grand lodges whose territories are close together, or where special reasons may exist for an interchange, I do not see a great deal of practical use in the system of representatives. Our business with sister jurisdictions is usually transacted by the very best representative we can have, our grand secretary. On the other hand the custom of making these appointments is daily growing in favor, and, if it is at all productive of harmony, or likely in any way to conduce to a mutual good understanding among masons, deserves to be encouraged.

A complaint was made by the grand master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, that Alley Lodge, No. 14, had admitted into the fraternity Jason C. Davis, who had been rejected in Lewey Island Lodge, in that state. The worshipful master of Alley Lodge replied in effect that Davis had resided the constitutional period within the jurisdiction of his lodge. Assuming this statement to be correct, it appeared to me to be conclusive of the right, under our constitution, of Alley Lodge to proceed. If it is deemed advisable to prevent lodges receiving persons who have been rejected in another jurisdiction, it will be necessary to make a regulation to that effect. At present one year's residence is the only limitation.

It is with much satisfaction that I announce to grand lodge the settlement of the difficulties which had so long existed between the grand lodges of Canada and a large number of the brethren in the province of Quebec. By the terms of the settlement the territory formerly under the control of the Grand Lodge of Canada has been divided, and the province of Quebec is erected into a separate masonic jurisdiction. I took an early opportunity to inform our subordinate lodges, through the grand secretary, that whatever doubts might have formerly existed as to the admission of visitors hailing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, were now dispelled. I have not however, issued the formal proclamation of recognition which, under a resolution of grand lodge, I seem to have had the power to do, thinking that as there were but a few weeks to elapse before this annual session, it would be better to leave to grand lodge itself the performance of that sovereign act, as it would certainly be more courteous to the Grand Lodge of Quebec to have our recognition of her regularity come direct from the supreme legislative authority. I therefore recommend that a resolution be passed to that effect; and as the territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec adjoins our own, it would be perhaps, advisable to pass another resolution asking for an exchange of representatives. In regard to the terms of settlement between the two parties in this long dispute, now happily terminated, I may say that they cannot fail to be satisfactory to us all, because one effect is to produce union and harmony in the province of Quebec as well as between the masons of Quebec and Ontario; and another is that the settlement did not sustain the obnoxious principle that the political division of a country of itself destroyed the sovereignty of the grand lodge existing in that territory. On the other hand, this masonic separation of the old province of Canada appears to make it a matter of fact that the masons in each province of

the Dominion will have their own grand lodge; and in view of this the Grand Lodge of Canada will, I have no doubt, find it more convenient for herself, as well as more correct, and more courteous to her sister grand lodges in the Dominion, to adopt a style and title that will clearly express her territorial bounds. For many reasons, the strongest of them being connected with old associations of memory, I should part with deep regret with the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada, but the change, it appears to me, is inevitable.

The applications of the Grand Orients of Brazil, of Egypt, and of Hungary, for recognition, are still before Grand Lodge, and to these is to be added an application to the same effect from Santo Domingo. In regard to Brazil, I think the unfortunate condition of freemasonry in that country is a sufficient reason for maintaining our present attitude; and in regard to the other jurisdictions, I doubt very much if the information at hand is sufficient to enable us to arrive at a correct decision.

Our relations with the grand lodges with which we are in fraternal correspondence are satisfactory and pleasing. In most jurisdictions the fraternity is in a healthy and flourishing condition, and is united, vigorous and peaceful. Where divisions exist among masons they are not of such a character as to preclude the hope of an early settlement; and where the institution does not receive and merit the approbation of all well-disposed persons, it is due largely to causes which masons may easily remove.

In committing the subjects to which I have adverted, and all the other subjects that may lawfully come before you, to your consideration, I do so with the full hope that you will dispassionately and earnestly judge of every matter. In laying down the authority with which you entrusted me, I have to thank the board of general purposes, my associate grand officers, and particularly the grand secretary, for the assistance and advice they have rendered me, and you all for the brotherly courtesy with which you have overlooked my deficiencies, and the brotherly affection which has enabled you to see in me merits which I fear I do not possess.

It was moved by W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, P. M. Lodge No. 1, and

Resolved, That the address of the grand master be referred to a special committee.

Which committee was appointed, as follows:

W. Bro. T. Nisbet Robertson, W. Bro. Robert Marshall, and R. W. Bro. David Brown.

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, P. M. Lodge No. 1, and adopted *unanimously*:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick heartily rejoices in the settlement of the difficulties recently existing between the freemasons of the Province of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Canada, and extends cordial recognition and good wishes to the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec.

And further Resolved, That the most worshipful grand master be requested to take the necessary steps to have the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick represented at the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, Deputy Grand Master, presented his commission as representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec; dated at Montreal, August 27th, 1874, and signed by M. W. J. H. Graham, Grand Master, and A. G. Isaacson, Grand Secretary *pro tempore*.

R. W. Bro. Willis was received in due form, as the representative of Quebec, and saluted with the usual honors.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary submitted his annual report and account as follows:

Annual Report of Grand Secretary.

To the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The grand secretary herewith submits his annual report, as follows:

The receipts of his office, from various sources, for the year just ended, amount to the sum of $1331.20, viz.:

For registration fees,	$228 50
" Annual dues,	876 60
" Certificates,	207 00
" Dispensations,	10 50
" Miscellaneous,	8 60
Total,	$1331 20

Which amount was paid in due course to the grand treasurer, and a detailed statement furnished the audit committee appointed by the board of general purposes.

All the lodges within the jurisdiction have made their returns complete up to the end of the year 1873, and have paid all fees, dues, &c. He has therefore no claims against any lodge, except in two or three cases, where trifling balances are due.

The *work* of the year, collated from the annual returns, shows the following exhibit :

Number initiated,	204
" Passed,	191
" Raised,	201
" Joined,	34
" Reinstated,	4
" Withdrawn,	82
" Suspended and excluded,	64
" Died,	32
Total number of members,	2148

The dispensations, issued by authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, number eleven, for the following purposes :

To confer degrees at short periods,	5
To bury deceased brethren,	3
To wear regalia in public,	3

The grand secretary finds, upon examining the register of dispensations for the several years of the existence of grand lodge, that the numbers issued are annually decreasing, as will appear from the following statement :—

For 7 months of the year ending September	1868—20.
For the year ending September	1869—49.
" " "	1870—45.
" " "	1871—21.
" " "	1872—19.
" " "	1873—20.
" " "	1874—11.

Previous to the organization of grand lodge, the practice had become so general in the promiscuous conferring of degrees at short intervals, that the utmost difficulty has since been experienced in counteracting the desire to hurry candidates forward in less than the regularly allotted period. At that time the lodges hailing from the Grand Lodges

of Ireland and Scotland, were in the habit (under an assumed or *bona fide* authority) of continually abri lging the regular time between the degrees; while the lodges on the registry of England, desirous of occupying an equal footing in this respect with their sister lodges, were under the necessity of applying to the then provincial grand master for dispensations to authorize the hurrying of candidates forward. Thus, at the time of the organization of grand lodge in the year 1868, the evil had become so deeply rooted, that the lodges felt they were being harshly dealt with, in the event of a refusal to accede to their requests for dispensations. The decided stand taken by the respective grand masters has had a beneficial effect; the lodges are less anxious to seek the dispensatory power; and it is to be hoped that the practice may, ere long, become entirely extinct.

The proceedings of the last annual communication of grand lodge were published in the usual pamphlet form, under the authority of the board of general purposes. Three copies were forwarded to each sister grand lodge, three copies to each lodge in the province, and one copy each to the editors of masonic periodicals, &c., &c. There is a growing desire among lodges and individual masons to collect the full proceedings of all the masonic bodies. Applications are continually being received by the grand secretary, from lodges and brethren in distant places, for copies of the proceedings of this grand lodge. When the parties applying are known, their wants are invariably supplied. Those therefore, who receive no response to their requests, can understand, that it is in consequence of not having furnished proper references.

The printed proceedings of sister grand lodges have been received, with but few exceptions.

The grand secretary takes pleasure in acknowledging the reception of the following books and pamphlets:

From the Grand Secretary of Iowa—Volume 5 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, a reprint of the years 1869 to 1873, inclusive; also a volume containing a catalogue of the library of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

From Bro. Leon Hyneman, of Philadelphia—A volume, entitled, "Ahiman Rezon, or a help to all that are or would be Free and Accepted Masons," by Lawrence Dermot.

From the Grand Secretary of Minnesota—1 volume, being a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota from 1853 (the date of organization) to 1869.

From R. W. Bro. Josiah Drummond—A copy of the proceedings of

the Supreme Council A. & A. Rite for the Northern jurisdiction of the United States, A. D., 1873.

From R. W. Bro. A. F. Chapman, of Boston—A copy of the proceedings of the Grand Commandary of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, A. D. 1873; also, a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, A. D. 1873.

From the Grand Secretary of Nevada—2 volumes, containing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nevada from 1865 (the date of organization) to 1872.

He has also received a pamphlet entitled, "The third annual re-union of the Connecticut Veteran Masonic Association, held at Bridgeport Connecticut, June 24, 1873, under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, No. 3."

The Calendar of the Grand Orient of France.

The Bulletin of the Grand Orient of Belgium, and the Bulletin of the Grand Orient of Brazil.

In his last annual report the grand secretary stated that there were very few copies of the constitution remaining on hand. The number has become somewhat reduced since then, and he again calls the attention of grand lodge to the matter.

The following is a detailed account of the receipts of his office fo the year just ended, furnished to and audited by the board of genera purposes:

William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Cash received from		Albion Lodge,.....	No. 1,	$87	40
"	"	St. John's,.....	" 2,	68	10
"	"	Hibernia, ...	" 3,	71	60
"	"	Sussex, ...	" 4,	32	[illegible]
"	"	St. Mark's,.....	" [illegible],	53	20
"	"	Solomon's,.....	6,	55	60
"	"	Sussex, ...	7,	66	30
"	"	Carleton Union,....	" 8,	62	00
"	"	Midian,.....	" 9,	15	40
"	"	Union of Portland,.....	" 10,	94	10
"	"	Woodstock,.....	" 11,	44	60
"	"	St. George,.....	" 12,	68	80
"	"	Corinthian,.....	" 13,	14	90

Cash received from	Alley Lodge,	No. 14,	34 80	
" "	Howard,	" 15,	27 20	
" "	St. Andrew,	" 16,	36 00	
" "	Northumberland,	" 17,	54 00	
" "	Miramichi,	" 18,	42 30	
" "	Leinster,	" 19,	49 40	
" "	Salisbury,	" 20,	19 60	
" "	Zion,	" 21,	24 80	
" "	New Brunswick,	" 22,	57 10	
" "	Keith,	" 23,	38 40	
" "	Zetland,	" 24,	17 20	
" "	Restigouche,	" 25,	53 60	
" "	Victoria,	" 26,	36 20	
" "	St. John,	" 27,	34 10	
" "	Lebanon,	" 28,	17 60	
" "	St. Andrew's,	" 29,	28 80	
" "	St. Martin's,	" 30,	25 30	
				$1331 20

1874. CR.

April 24,	Cash paid grand treasurer,	$700 00	
Sept. 15,	" "	631 20	
			$1331 20

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., 16th Sept., 1874.

The V. W. the Grand Treasurer presented his annual account, as follows:

William H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

1873. DR.

Sept. 18,	To balance in bank B. N. America,	$503 14	
1874.			
April 24,	" cash received from grand secretary,	$700 00	
Sept. 15,	" cash received from grand secretary,	631 20	
			$1834 34

1873.		Cr.	
Oct. 15,	By paid	hall committee, rent 1st Nov., '73,	$ 3 75
	"	Grand Secretary to Sept., 1873,..	300 00
	"	Insurance on regalia, N. Ins. Co.,	7 50
Dec. 24,	"	D. Scribner, acct. for tyling, &c.,	10 00
1874.			
Jan'y 14,	"	Hall committee, rent to 1st Feb., 1874,.....	3 50
Mar. 12,	"	H. Chubb & Co., for printing,..	113 50
June 26,	"	Louisiana Relief Lodge, draft....	100 25
July 23,	"	Volunteer Band 62d Battalion, funeral,.....	35 00
Sept. 15,	"	Hall committee, rent to 30th April, 1874,.....	3 50
	"	H. Chubb & Co., printing circulars, ...	5 00
	"	C. A. Robertson, coach hire, funeral,.....	12 00
	"	Official visitations, North Shore, etc.,.....	163 29
	"	Hall committee, rent to 1st Aug., 1874,.....	3 50
	"	Grand Secretary, postage account,	27 28
	"	Balance deposited bank B. N. America,.....	1046 27
			$1834 34

WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., 17th Sept., 1874.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the reports and accounts of the grand secretary and grand treasurer be received.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, as president of the

board of general purposes, submitted the annual report of the board, as follows:

Report of Board of General Purposes.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

1.—In submitting their annual report, the board of general purposes allude with pleasure to the general good feeling which exists throughout the jurisdiction, to the strong desire of all to preserve the institution in its essential purity, to the earnest exertions of the great majority of the lodges to bring about uniformity in the ceremonial work, and to the genuine spirit of benevolence which characterizes the responses to all proper calls for assistance.

2.—As soon as possible after the termination of the last annual session of grand lodge, the board proceeded to the work of organization, and made choice of a Vice-President by re-electing W. Bro. Robert Marshall.

3.—With a view to accommodate members of the board who are residents outside St. John, and to ensure at all times a full attendance, the board decided to hold regular meetings at stated periods, viz.: second Wednesday in November, January, March, May, July and September, at the hour of 3 p. m.

4.—The board having had under consideration the matter of representing the stock of grand lodge in the proposed masonic temple, appointed the M. W. Grand Master, for the time being, as the holder of the proxy.

5.—The question of granting additional aid to the proposed masonic temple is as yet unsettled. The board have several times had the matter before them, but without reaching any satisfactory conclusion. It is hoped however, that the earnest consideration which it is receiving from members will at an early day be productive of good results. The chief desire of the board has been to render such aid to the undertaking, without cramping the finances of grand lodge, as would give a powerful impetus to the movement for the construction of the temple.

6.—The publication and distributing of 500 copies of the proceedings authorized by grand lodge, have been duly attended to by the grand secretary.

7.—The reference to the board, by the M. W. Grand Master, of a communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, soliciting aid for the masonic sufferers by the overflow of the Mississippi, resulted in the granting of $100 from the funds of grand lodge. This amount was duly forwarded by the grand secretary along with a letter expressive of the sympathy of the craft in this jurisdiction with the suffering brethren in Louisiana, and a cordial and thankful acknowledgment was returned. The M. W. Grand Master of Louisiana also conveyed the gratifying assurance to the craft that contributions received from brethren had been sufficient to meet the necessities of suffering members of the fraternity.

8.—The finances of grand lodge have engaged the attention of the board, and their satisfactory condition will be seen by the following report of the audit committee:

To the Board of General Purposes, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The committee appointed by the board to audit the accounts and examine the books of the grand treasurer and grand secretary, for the year ending Sept. 18th, 1874, beg leave to make the following report:

That they have carefully examined the books and the accounts of the above grand officers, and find them correct. Your committee desire to express their gratification at the way the books of both the grand secretary and grand treasurer are kept.

The receipts for the past year are $1331.20; the balance on hand from last year was $503.14; making a total of $1834.34. The expenditure during the year was $788.07; leaving a balance in the hands of grand treasurer of $1046.27.

The grand treasurer produced the proper vouchers for all amounts paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,
J. HENRY LEONARD,
HENRY DUFFELL,
Audit Committee.

9.—A complaint preferred to the M. W. Grand Master by Albion Lodge against Union Lodge of Portland, for having initiated within the constitutional period a person who had been rejected in Albion Lodge, with the papers connected therewith, was referred to the board, and received the consideration of a sub-committee. The facts were admitted by the W. Master of Union Lodge of Portland, who expressed his regret at the occurrence; and the sub-committee, being satisfied that there was no intentional error on his part, reported that fact to the board. It appears however, that in many of the lodges more care might be exercised in regard to applications for admission to the fraternity than is now the custom, and with this in view the sub-commit-

tee made the following suggestions, and the board recommend them to the careful consideration of grand lodge:

"1st.—That the various lodges be required to have the petitions of candidates read in full.

"2nd.—That the application of candidates be handed to the investigating committee, who will be required to append their report thereon.

"3rd.—That where more than one lodge holds concurrent jurisdiction, the lodge rejecting a candidate shall be required to send a notice of such rejection to the other lodges within that jurisdiction."

10.—The resolution of grand lodge at its last annual communication, regarding the rights and privileges of membership, was laid before a sub-committee of the board, and elicited the following report, which was received by the board and directed to be laid before grand lodge for consideration, viz.:

"The following resolution was offered at the last annual communication of grand lodge. It was referred to the board of general purposes, and by the board to the undersigned sub-committee:

"'That in the opinion of this grand lodge, a mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in his lodge, until he be suspended or excluded from membership, after charges have been preferred against him and he has undergone a regular trial.'

"As a simple proposition, the general correctness of this will not be disputed by any mason. The special question involved however, is as to the right of a subordinate lodge to make a by-law providing that the dues of a brother must be paid at the annual election to enable him to participate in the choice of officers, or to hold office himself. The late grand master was of opinion that lodges could not lawfully make such by-laws; the present grand master holds a contrary view. This has led to different practices in the confirmation of by-laws, and it is now desirable that the point in difference should be settled.

"The constitution of grand lodge, under the head 'Private Lodges, Sec. 7,' has the following:—'Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulations of grand lodge.' The committee have carefully examined the constitutions of grand lodge, and are quite clear upon the point that such a by-law is not in any way inconsistent with any of their provisions. The question may arise however, whether the spirit of the institution is not infringed by subjecting a brother summarily to the penalty named. The disability under which

a brother is placed by the operation of such a law is purely local. It does not affect his masonic standing in any way outside of his own lodge; and even in his lodge it does not interfere with the rights which are eminently 'Masonic.' In the city of St. John most of the lodges have had for years a by-law of this kind, and the committee are not aware of any case of hardship having arisen under it, while as regards the lodges as a whole, its operations have been beneficial.

"We quote an opionion of Bro. Albert Pike upon the rights of members, which seems to us to have a strong bearing upon the point:

"'A lodge is an organized body, in the nature of a corporation, and owning property. Among the rights and privileges of membership are those of being present at meetings, voting at meetings and upon measures, including those that involve the incurring of debts and payments of moneys, and an interest in the common property.

"'There is no more reason why a member cannot be deprived temporarily of these without trial, and *ipso facto* upon default, than there is in the case of any other association or body of men, because the rights are in their nature secular and not masonic.

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"'I am not called on to decide of what other rights a person so suspended is temporarily deprived, and need only say that such a suspension, without charges, trial and conviction of unworthiness can deprive the party of no right possessed by a mason who has never become a member of a lodge. His individual claim on individual masons remains unaffected, and does not affect his standing elsewhere.'

"The idea involved appears to be settled by the constitutions of grand lodge itself, which applies to its lodges the same principle as some of the lodges apply to their members. For instance, section 14, page 24:

"'Should any lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the grand lodge for the year previous to the annual communication, the master, wardens, or other representative of such lodge, shall not be permitted to attend such annual or any subsequent meeting of grand lodge, until such returns and payments shall have been completed.'

"The committee therefore, are of the opinion that as the by-law does not affect a brother's standing outside of his own lodge, it may be left entirely to the discretion of lodges whether or not they make such laws, and they therefore recommend that the board offer the following amendment to the above resolution:

"*Resolved*, That while in the opinion of this grand lodge, a mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the fraternity, until he be suspended, excluded or expelled, after having undergone a regular trial, there is nothing in the general regulations of the craft to prevent lodges, if they desire to do so, enacting a

by-law, providing that brethren in arrears of dues on the night of the annual election in their lodge shall not be eligible to vote at such election or to hold office.

"Respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,
T. NISBET ROBERTSON."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,
President.

St. John, N. B., 23rd September, 1874.

It was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J. G. D., and

Resolved, That the report of the board be received; and further, that the address of the grand master, the reports and accounts of the grand treasurer and grand secretary, and the report of the board of general purposes, be printed for the immediate use of representatives.

The M. W. the Grand Master, by and with the approval and confirmation of grand lodge, appointed R. W. Bro. Henry M. Alexander, of Montreal, the representative of this grand lodge at the M. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec.

It was, on motion, ordered, that the election of the elective officers of grand lodge take place to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at half-past eight o'clock.

Read a printed circular from the "*Grand National Orient of the Republic of Santo Domingo*," conveying a request to enter into fraternal relations by the appointment of representatives.

Which circular was ordered to be referred to the committee on grand master's address.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master announced to grand lodge that a dinner would be served up at the Victoria Hotel to-morrow (Friday) evening, and he extended an

invitation to all representatives of lodges outside of the city of Saint John to be present as guests.

The M. W. the Grand Master informed grand lodge that the ritual committee had made arrangements for a full exemplification of the *work* of the M. M. degree on to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at seven o'clock.

The library committee submitted the following report:

Report of Library Committee.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The library committee beg to report that they have received in cash as follows:

December 19th, 1872, from grand treasurer,..	$50 00
February 6th, 1873, from Bro. Thos. H. Lynn,	5 00
August 20th, 1873, from grand treasurer,.....	98 03
Making a total of,.....	$153 03
And have expended,.....	119 88
Leaving in hands of the committee,....	$33 15

During the year they have received:

Anderson's Constitutions, edition 1767, ...	1 vol.
Thory's Acta Latomorum, ...	2 vols.
Clavel's Histoire Pittoresque, ...	1 vol.
Paton's Jurisprudence, ...	1 vol.
Paton's Symbolism, ...	1 vol.
Mant's Pocket Companion, ...	1 vol.
Hughan's Old Charges, ...	1 vol.
Freemason's Magazine, old series, ...	7 vols.
Lyon's Freemasonry in Scotland, ...	1 vol.

The foregoing were purchased by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, during a recent visit to Great Britain.

W. Bro. Charles U. Hanford presented two volumes, entitled, "Virginia Text Book of Royal Arch Masonry," by John Dove; and

"Macoy's General History, Cyclopædia and Dictionary of Freemasonry;" and from W. Bro. James G. Forbes they have received "Hyneman's Masonic Library," 2 vols.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,
ROBERT MARSHALL,
WM. F. BUNTING.

23rd September, 1874.

Which report was, on motion of W. Bro. Henry Leonard, P. M. Lodge No. 8, ordered to be received, and the thanks of grand lodge conveyed to the donors.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until half-past two o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

24th September, 1874.

Grand Lodge was called to labor to half-past two o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

Read a note from W. Bro. D. E. Seymour, of Calais, Past S. G. Deacon, representative of this grand lodge at the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, requesting the acceptance of several books for grand lodge library. He expressed regret at being unable to attend grand lodge, and asked that his most fraternal regards be conveyed to the grand master and brethren generally.

The library committee submitted the following supplementary report:

Supplementary Report of Library Committee.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

The library committee beg to inform grand lodge that, since their report submitted at yesterday's session, they have received from W. Bro. D. E. Seymour, representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Maine, the following as donations to the grand lodge library:

Rebold's General History of Freemasonry in Europe, edited by J. Fletcher Brennan, and Macoy's General History, Cyclopædia and Dictionary of Freemasonry.

Also, a collection of grand lodge, grand chapter, and grand council proceedings, histories of lodges, magazines, &c.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,
ROBERT MARSHALL,
WM. F. BUNTING.

24th September, 1874.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the report be received, and the fraternal acknowledgements of grand lodge returned to the donor.

Read a note from the Grand Secretary of Utah, having reference to the appointment of representatives between that grand lodge and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Whereupon, it was moved by W. Bro. G. H. Flewelling, S. G. D., and

Resolved, That the communication be received, and referred to the committee on grand master's address.

It was moved by W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Past Grand Pursuivant, and

Resolved, That grand lodge adopt the recommendations of the board of general purposes, with reference to petitioning candidates, as set

forth in the ninth paragraph of the board's report, and the respective lodges be notified of the same by the grand secretary.

The committee on Grand Master's Address reported as follows:

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MASONIC HALL,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 24th, 1874.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the most worshipful grand master, beg to report, that they have carefully considered the same, and in addition to the action already had by grand lodge, would offer the following:

1.—In reference to the remarks of the most worshipful grand master as to the erection of an additional lodge in the city of Saint John, your committee beg to say, that there are already working within the limits of the city, seven lodges, which would seem to be fully equal to all requirements for some time to come; and in the opinion of this committee it would not in any case be desirable to establish within this jurisdiction, a lodge composed exclusively of men of any particular sect, opinion, color or nationality, as such; and even if circumstances were different, it is absolutely necessary, under the constitution of this grand lodge, that the petition for the erection of a new lodge must be signed by at least seven masons duly registered in the books of this grand lodge.

2.—Your committee trust that decided efforts may speedily be made by the directors of the masonic hall company, in order to secure the early erection of a masonic temple upon the eligible site now owned by the company, and situate upon Germain Street, in this city. As to an increased investment by this grand lodge in the stock of the said company, your committee feel that grand lodge is not in a position to assume any further liability beyond the six thousand dollars already subscribed, and that to the subordinate lodges, as well in the city as throughout the province, and to the fraternity generally, the company must appeal, and make a determined and united effort to secure the additional funds necessary to the successful completion of the undertaking. Grand Lodge having already paid five hundred dollars of the

six thousand dollars subscribed, your committee would submit the following for the consideration of grand lodge:

Resolved, That the board of general purposes be and are hereby authorized to pay the call of ten per cent on six thousand dollars new made upon the stockholders of the masonic hall company; and further, that the board be authorized to pay a second installment or call when duly made by said company.

3.—Your committee being in deep sympathy with the well-timed remarks of the most worshipful grand master relating to the great loss the fraternity has sustained in the death of so many distinguished masons during the masonic year just closed, would recommend that suitable memorial pages be prepared and published in the proceedings of grand lodge for the year, to the memory of Worshipful Brother John Willis, Past Senior Grand Deacon of this Grand Lodge, Worshipful Brother Alexander Robertson, Past Master of Albion Lodge No. 1, and Most Worshipful Brother the Honorable Alexander Keith, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and past provincial grand master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of England in New Brunswick, as an evidence of the respect of this grand lodge for the memory of our departed brothers. Your committee would also recommend that the very worshipful grand secretary be directed to address, on behalf of this grand lodge, a letter of condolence to the Grand Lodge of Canada upon the great loss the fraternity in Canada has sustained in the death of the late Very Worshipful Brother Thomas Bird Harris, grand secretary of that grand lodge. The committee would submit for the consideration of grand lodge the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick records the deep sorrow of the fraternity in this jurisdiction at the lamented death of Right Worshipful Brother Charles W. Moore, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in whose demise the masonic world has sustained an irreparable loss.

4.—Your committee recommend that the appointment of R. W. Bro. Edwin Marks, as the representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, be confirmed.

5.—Your committee recommend that the suggestion of the Grand Lodge of Utah, for an interchange of representatives, be complied with, and that the grand master be authorized to appoint a representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Utah.

6.—In reference to the complaint of the Grand Lodge of Maine, of the admission of a brother by Alley Lodge who had been rejected in the jurisdiction of Maine, your committee are of opinion that it is not at

present advisable to make any change in the constitution of this grand lodge as to the qualification of candidates in this respect.

7.—The committee recommend, that in the absence of any additional information since last session, the applications of the Grand Orients of Brazil, of Egypt, and Hungary, for recognition, be not at present complied with.

8.—The committee would also recommend that not having received sufficient information in reference to the Grand Orient of Santo Domingo, it is not desirable at this time to extend recognition to that body.

Your committee, in closing this report, would cordially endorse the able and exhaustive message of the most worshipful grand master.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Nisbet Robertson,
Robert Marshall,
David Brown,
Committee.

The several sections of the foregoing report having been separately considered, the full report was adopted and ordered to be entered on the records.

It was moved by W. Bro. M. N. Powers, P. M. Lodge No. 3, and

Resolved, That the M. W. the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a brother to represent this grand lodge at the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas.

The grand secretary informed grand lodge that he held in his hand the commission of R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, Past Grand Master, as representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska, at this grand lodge. The commission was received previous to the last annual communication, but was not presented, in consequence of the absence of Bro. Wedderburn, caused by a death in his family. The Grand Secretary also stated, that Bro. Wedderburn (who was absent at the present time from Saint John) had

requested him to present the commission, in order to having his appointment duly recognized.

The commission was received in due form, and R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn duly recognized as the representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The foregoing commission is dated at Omaha, Nebraska, January 2nd, 1873, and is signed by M. W. William E. Hill, Grand Master, and R. W. Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until this evening at seven o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING,

24th September, 1874.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at half-past eight o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

Previous to the opening of grand lodge, an exemplification of the ritual of the M. M. degree was witnessed in the Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, an emergency communication of the lodge having been summoned for that purpose.

W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, Past Master of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, presented credentials, as representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, bearing date September 18th, instant, and signed at New Orleans by M. W. Bro. M. E. Girard, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

W. Bro. Wetmore was duly received as such representative, and saluted with the usual honors.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being the order of the day, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed W. Bros. Alfred F. Street, James D. Phinney, and Joseph C. Hatheway, to act as scrutineers, who were thereupon duly qualified as such.

The regulations of Grand Lodge, relative to the election of officers, having been read by the grand secretary, the following brethren were nominated and elected, viz.:

JOHN V. ELLIS,.....M. W. Grand Master.
ROBERT MARSHALL,.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
DAVID BROWN,.....R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
ALFRED F. STREET,.....R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,....V. W. Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,.....V. W. Grand Treasurer.
DINGEE SCRIBNER,..... W. Grand Tyler.

It was proposed by the M. W. the Grand Master, seconded by R. W. Bro. David Brown and W. Bro. Robert Marshall, and

Unanimously agreed to, That V. W. Bro. William H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, be constituted a permanent member of this grand lodge, with the rank and title of Past Senior Grand Warden, in acknowledgment of the long and valuable services rendered by him to the craft in this province, and for the high esteem in which he is held by his brethren generally.

It was, on motion, ordered that the installation of officers be held to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, at three o'clock.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until to-morrow afternoon at half-past two o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

25th September, 1874.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at half-past two o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

M. W. Bro. Stephen R. Sircom, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, being announced in waiting, was introduced and received with the masonic salutation due to his exalted rank, and assigned a seat in the East.

The following preamble and resolution were moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, seconded by W. Bro. G. H. Flewelling, S. G. D., and adopted:

The grand secretary having reported that the present edition of the book of constitution is nearly exhausted, and as a revision may be required previous to the publication of a new edition,

Therefore resolved, That the board of general purposes be directed to recommend such alterations, additions and amendments as they may deem proper and necessary, and submit a report at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. Alexander Burchill, W. M. Lodge No. 29:

That any brother hailing from a lodge beyond the jurisdiction of New Brunswick, desiring to be received as a visitor in any lodge within the province, and who cannot be vouched for, shall, previous to undergoing an examination, be required to produce a certificate from the grand lodge to which he belongs; and if he cannot produce such certificate, no examination shall take place, and he shall be refused admission.

In amendment, it was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master:

That the question be referred to the board of general purposes, to report upon at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

The amendment was negatived, and the original motion adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. Alexander Burchill, W. M. Lodge No. 29:

That the board of general purposes be required to prepare an uniform funeral service for the use of lodges in this jurisdiction, and report the same at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

To which the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master moved as an amendment:

That the board of general purposes be directed to consider the propriety of providing an uniform funeral service for the use of the lodges in this jurisdiction.

Which amendment was adopted.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master:

That grand lodge adopt the recommendation of the board of general purposes, as set forth in the following resolution submitted in their annual report, viz:

"*Resolved*, That while, in the opinion of this grand lodge, a mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the fraternity, until he be suspended, excluded, or expelled, after having undergone a regular trial, there is nothing in the general regulations of the craft to prevent lodges, if they desire to do so, enacting a by-law providing that brethren in arrears of dues on the night of the annual election in their lodge shall not be eligible to vote at such election or to hold office."

In amendment, it was moved by R. W. Bro. John Richards, Past J. G. W.:

That the question be laid over until the next annual communication of grand lodge.

Which amendment was adopted.

The hour for the installation of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, M. W. Brother John Valentine Ellis Grand Master elect, was obligated, invested and installed by R. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, Past Grand Master, and thereupon saluted and proclaimed "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz.:

V. W.	William F. Bunting,	Grand Secretary.
W.	Alexander Burchill,	Senior Grand Deacon.
W.	David Wetmore,	Junior Grand Deacon.
W.	George E. Elliott,	Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W.	T. Nisbet Robertson,	Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W.	James D. Phinney,	Grand Sword Bearer.
W.	Henry A. White,	Grand Standard Bearer.
W.	Henry Card,	Grand Organist.
W.	James McNichol, Jr.,	Grand Pursuivant.
W.	Freeman W. Wisdom,	Grand Steward.
W.	Chas. U. Hanford,	"
W.	James Nisbet,	"
W.	John W. Clelland,	"
W.	Brewer S. Morrison,	"
W.	John S. Benson,	"
W.	Louis B. Messenett,	"
W.	Uriah Drake,	"
W.	George Kilnapp,	"
W.	James Hickson,	"
W.	William R. Russell,	"
W.	Henry G. Hunt,	"

The following officers, elected and appointed, being

present, were installed, invested and proclaimed, viz.:

R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. ALFRED F. STREET,.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. WM. H. A. KEANS,.....Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING,.....Grand Secretary.
W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL,....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID WETMORE,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,.....Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. JAMES D. PHINNEY,.....Grand Sword Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,....Grand Pursuivant.
W. JAMES NISBET,.....Grand Steward.
W. JOHN W. CLELLAND,..... "
W. BREWER S. MORRISON,.... "
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,.... "
W. WILLIAM R. RUSSELL,..... "
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to the board of general purposes for the ensuing year:

R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Past Deputy Grand Master.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,..Grand Pursuivant.
W. MARK N. POWERS,.....Past Master Lodge No. 3.
W. J. HENRY LEONARD, ...Past Master Lodge No. 8.
W. HENRY DUFFELL,.....Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,.Asst. Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
R. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,.Past Senior Grand Warden.
W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,.Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. HENRY J. THORNE.....Past Master Lodge No. 19.
R. W. JOHN RICHARDS,.....Past Junior Grand Warden.

Upon motion of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, "That a Ritual Committee be appointed," the M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following :

M. W. John V. Ellis ; R. W. B. Lester Peters ; V. W. William F. Bunting ; W. Alfred A. Stockton ; W. Joseph C. Hatheway ; and W. George E. Fairweather.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That a Library Committee be appointed.

Whereupon, the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Board of General Purposes were appointed such committee.

All business having been disposed of, grand lodge was closed in *ample* form.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy:

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1873.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended and excluded	Died.	Total Members.
1	Albion,	9	9	10	2	1	5	....	5	169
2	Saint John's,	8	9	10	1	1	5	....	1	129
3	Hibernia,	6	6	6	1	1	5	....	2	142
4	Sussex,	1	2	2	....	....	1	21	..	23
5	Saint Mark's,	11	8	8	....	....	5	....	..	78
6	Solomon's,	9	9	11	3	....	3	3	..	79
7	Sussex,	13	9	11	1	....	9	....	..	97
8	Carleton Union,	4	5	7	1	....	4	7	1	129
9	Midian,	2	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	26
10	Union of Portland,	13	12	11	1	....	2	5	2	169
11	Woodstock,	9	7	6	1	....	4	1	1	64
12	Saint George,	13	11	9	1	....	1	....	..	107
13	Corinthian,	1	....	3	1	....	....	....	..	31
14	Alley,	4	3	3	4	....	....	....	..	62
15	Howard,	3	4	2	....	....	....	....	2	53
16	Saint Andrew,	6	5	3	1	....	2	6	3	62
17	Northumberland,	10	10	9	2	....	5	....	1	73
18	Miramichi,	8	10	10	2	....	5	....	1	62
19	Leinster,	8	9	9	....	....	4	....	..	76
20	Salisbury,	3	3	4	....	....	1	3	2	33
21	Zion,	4	5	9	....	....	....	....	..	42
22	New Brunswick,	10	6	6	2	1	2	12	2	87
23	Keith,	7	8	10	3	....	3	3	3	51
24	Zetland,	2	2	3	....	....	4	1	1	33
25	Restigouche,	14	12	12	....	....	8	....	1	64
26	Victoria,	5	6	9	1	....	1	....	..	63
27	Saint John,	8	7	5	1	....	2	....	1	44
28	Lebanon,	4	3	3	2	....	....	....	..	24
29	Saint Andrew's,	5	6	6	....	....	1	....	2	47
30	Saint Martin's,	4	4	4	2	....	....	2	..	29
	Total,	204	191	201	34	4	82	64	32	2148

In Memory of

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Hon. Alexander Keith,

LATE GRAND MASTER OF NOVA SCOTIA,

AND PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

WHO DIED AT HALIFAX, N. S.,

14th day of December, A. D. 1873,

AGED 78 YEARS.

"Kind in his disposition, generous and hospitable, Brother KEITH gave character to freemasonry in the sister province, and has left the impress of his own nature upon it."—*Grand Master's Address.*

In Memory of

THE WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

John Willis,

PAST SENIOR GRAND DEACON,

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN,

9th day of July, A. D. 1874,

AGED 74 YEARS.

"Devotedly, almost passionately, attached to the fraternity, Brother WILLIS devoted the spare hours of a long life to the work of masonry. Time sufficed not to wear out his interest, nor age to deaden his enthusiasm. How rarely he missed a meeting, how proud he was of his well-earned honors, how cheering were the words of counsel he addressed to us, how kindly in his latter days he appreciated the attentions of his brethren, how glad we all were to welcome him to our gatherings, and to bridge over the present and the past, in listening to reminiscences of his own active masonic life! * * * * And let us hope, that resting from earthly toil above, he has heard from the Grand Architect of the Universe that word which shall secure him ineffable happiness through all eternity."—*Grand Master's Address.*

In Memory of

THE WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Alexander Robertson,

PAST MASTER OF ALBION LODGE, NO. I,

WHO DIED AT SAINT JOHN,

5th day of September, A. D. 1874,

AGED 67 YEARS.

"For many years an active and devoted M son. Quiet and unobtrusive in his manners,—a man seeking retirement, rather than desirous of winning honors or gaining applause,—Brother ROBERTSON sought his reward in the consciousness of duty faithfully performed. Beloved in his family, respected by his fellow-citizens, and esteemed by his brethren, his old age was grandly suggestive of a blissful and happy life, eternal in the heavens."—*Grand Master's Address.*

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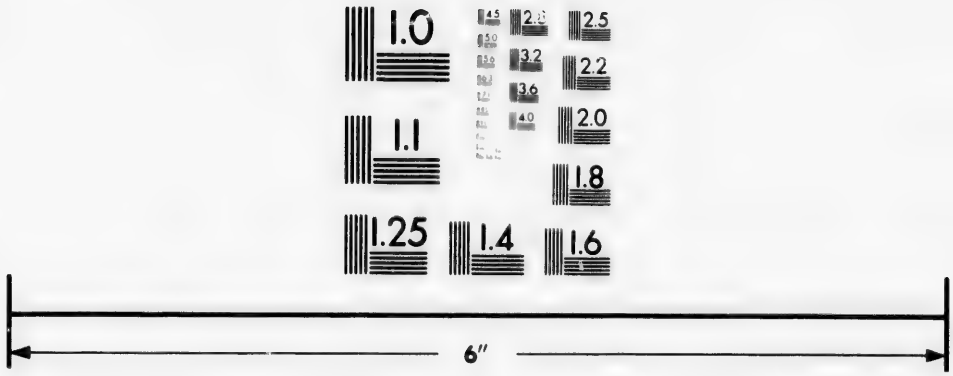

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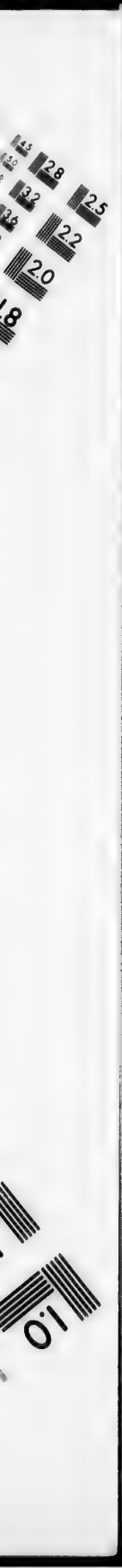
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Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
British Columbia,	H. F. Heisterman,	Victoria, V. I.
California,	Alexander G. Abell,	San Francisco.
Canada,	John J. Mason,	Hamilton.
Colorada,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Georgetown.
Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Delaware,	William S. Hayes,	Wilmington
District of Columbia,	William A. Yates,	Washington.
England,	John Hervey,	London.
Florida,	DeWitt C. Dawkins,	Jacksonville.
France,	F. Thevenot,	Paris.
Georgia,	J. Emmett Blackshear,	Macon.
Idaho,	Joseph Pinkham,	Boise City.
Illinois,	John F. Burrill,	Springfield.
Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Theodore S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Ireland,	Charles T. Walmisley,	Dublin.
Kansas,	John H. Brown,	Leavenworth.
Kentucky,	J. M. S. McCorkle,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	James C. Batchelor,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachussetts,	Charles H. Titus,	Boston.
Michigan,	Foster Pratt,	Kalamazoo.
Minnesota,	Edwin D. B. Porter,	Saint Paul.
Mississippi,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Montana,	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.
Nebraska,	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.
Nevada,	Samuel H. Chubbuck,	Gold Hill.

New Hampshire,	John A. Harris,	Concord.
New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hough,	Trenton.
New York,	James M. Austin,	New York.
North Carolina,	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia,	Benjamin Curren,	Halifax.
Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon,	R. P. Earhart,	Salem.
Pennsylvania,	John Thomson,	Philadelphia.
Quebec,	John H. Isaacson,	Montreal.
Rhode Island,	Edwin Baker,	Providence.
Scotland,	John Lawrie,	Edinburgh.
South Carolina,	B. Rush Campbell,	Charleston.
Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Texas,	George H. Bringhurst,	Houston.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.
Vermont,	Henry Clark,	Rutland.
Virginia,	John Dove,	Richmond.
Washington,	Thomas M. Reed,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	Odell S. Long,	Wheeling.
Wisconsin,	George E. Hoskinson,	Green Bay.

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Louisiana,	Edwin Marks,	New Orleans.
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Michigan,	D. Burnham Tracy,	Detroit.
Minnesota,	James N. Castle,	Stillwater.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Nebraska,	Edwin A. Allen,	Omaha.
New Jersey,	Daniel B. Bruen	Newark.
Nova Scotia,	William Taylor,	Halifax.

Quebec,	Henry M. Alexander,	Montreal.
Scotland,	Alexander Hay,	Edinburgh.
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England,	Robert T. Clinch,	Saint John.
Louisiana,	Edwin J. Wetmore,	Carleton.
Maine,	David Brown,	Saint Stephen.
Michigan,	Benj. R. Stevenson,	Saint Andrew's.
Minnesota,	Charles Ketchum,	Carleton.
Missouri,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Nebraska,	William Wedderburn,	Hampton.
New Jersey,	Robert R. Call,	Newcastle.
Nova Scotia,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Quebec,	Edward Willis,	Saint John.
Scotland,	Robert Gowan,	Fredericton.
Tennessee,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Texas,	David R. Munro,	Portland.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

SEPTEMBER 22nd, 23rd and 24th, A. D. 1875.

The Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 22nd day of September, A. L. 5875, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS,.....Grand Master.
R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. DAVID BROWN,.....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. ALFRED F. STREET,.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,.Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,...Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,....Grand Secretary.
W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL,...Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID WETMORE,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. T. N. ROBERTSON,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. CHARLES F. BOURNE,..as Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.

W. W. WALTER LEE,.....as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. E. M. WETMORE,.....as Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,...Grand Pursuivant.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,...Grand Steward.
W. CHARLES U. HANFORD,... "
W. URIAH DRAKE,..... "
W. WILLIAM R. RUSSELL,.... "
W. GEORGE KILNAPP,..... "
W. HENRY G. HUNT,..... "
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. B. LESTER PETERS,.....Past Grand Master.
R. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH,.....Past Grand Master.
R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,.....Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE,....Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. EDWARD TWEEDIE,.....Past Junior Grand Warden.
W. DAVID MAIN,.....Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. G. H. FLEWELLING,.....Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. A. G. BECKWITH,.....Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN D. SHORT,.....Past Gr. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Past Grand Sword Bearer.
W. DAVID R. MUNRO,.....Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY,...Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. HENRY DUFFELL,.....Past Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample* form, with prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain.

The V. W. Grand Secretary read the "Regulations for the government of the grand lodge during the time of business."

It was moved by R. W. Brother B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the reading of the records of the last annual communication be dispensed with, as printed copies have been placed in the hands of the brethren; and further, that they be taken as read and confirmed.

Notes were received from the R. W. Senior Grand Warden and R. W. Junior Grand Warden, conveying apologies for their inability to be at the opening of grand lodge; also, from W. Brother D. E. Seymour, Past Senior Grand Deacon, representative at the Grand Lodge of Maine, regretting his inability to be present during the communication.

W. Bros. Charles U. Hanford, Freeman W. Wisdom, and William R. Russell, Committee on Credentials, reported, from time to time, the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz.:

Albion Lodge, No. 1,.....James Adam, W. M.
Charles D. Jordan, S. W.
Montg. Chamberlain, J. W.
William W. Emslie, P. M.
Robert T. Clinch, P. M.
B. Lester Peters, P. M.
Thomas F. Raymond, P. M.
Archibald Rowan, P. M.
Sylvester Z. Earle, P. M.
Christopher Murray, P. M.
Edwin J. Everett, P. M.
Charles D. Thomson, P. M.
T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.
Freeman W. Wisdom, P. M.
Chas. McLauchlan, jr., P. M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,.....	William M. Sears, W. M.
	Hiram G. Betts, J. W.
	Wm. H. A. Keans, P. M.
	R. Sands Armstrong, P. M.
	Charles E. Potter, P. M.
	Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
	John D. Short, P. M.
	Jos. C. Hatheway, P. M.
	William H. Sinnott, P. M.
	Henry G. Hunt, P. M.
Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,.....	Andrew J. Stewart, W. M.
	George E. Perkins, S. W.
	Thomas Logan, J. W.
	James McNichol, sr., P. M.
	Mark N. Powers, P. M.
	John Mullin, P. M.
	George Kilnapp, P. M.
	James Saunders, P. M.
	William J. Logan, P. M.
	James Adams, P. M.
Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5,.....	William D. Forster, S. W.
Solomon's Lodge, No. 6,.....	Alfred F. Street, W. M.
	Herbert C. Creed, J. W.
	A. G. Beckwith, P. M.
Sussex Lodge, No. 7,.....	David Brown, P. M.
	David Main, P. M.
Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,...	John C. Leonard, W. M.
	James Cooper, J. W.
	Stephen P. Wetmore, P. M.
	Charles Ketchum, P. M.
	Samuel L. Brittain, P. M.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8, . .	Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
	John V. Ellis, P. M.
	Henry Leonard, P. M.
	Richard N. Knight, P. M.
	Uriah Drake, P. M.
	J. Alfred Clark, P. M.
Midian Lodge, No. 9, ...	David J. Wetmore, W. M.
	Edwin M. Wetmore, S. W.
	David Wetmore, P. M.
	G. H. Flewelling, P. M.
Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, .	Samuel Edgett, W. M.
	Beverley Stevens, S. W.
	Edward R. Gregory, J. W.
	Thomas H. Keohan, P. M.
	Robert Marshall, P. M.
	David R. Munro, P. M.
	Robert M. Stevens, P. M.
	William C. Morissey, P. M.
	Henry Duffell, P. M.
	Charles U. Hanford, P. M.
Woodstock Lodge, No. 11, ...	William F. Dibblee, W. M.
	William Skillen, P. M.
Corinthian Lodge, No. 12, ...	George U. Hay, S. W.
Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, .	Charles F. Bourne, W. M.
	W. Walter Lee, J. W.
Leinster Lodge, No. 19, ...	Wm. A. Tweedale, W. M.
	Robert C. Thorne, S. W.
	Edward Willis, P. M.
	Henry J. Thorne, P. M.
Salisbury Lodge, No. 20, ...	Arthur P. Tippett, S. W.

Zion Lodge, No. 21,.....Joseph H. Littledale, P. M.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,..David Dearness, W. M.
James McNichol, Jr., P. M.
William McNichol, P. M.
William R. Russell, P. M.
Wm. G. McFarlane, P. M.
Wm. G. Matthewson, P. M.
Robt. J. McAdoo, P. M.
Edward Tweedie, P. M.

Keith Lodge, No. 23,.....Christopher P. Harris, P. M.
Irwin W. Binney, P. M.

Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 29,..Zebedee R. Everett, S. W.
Alexander Burchill, P. M.

St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30,.....Robert Gilmour, W. M.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered his Annual Address, as follows:

Grand Master's Annual Address.

Officers and Brothers:

The time for the annual meeting of grand lodge is a time for self-examination on the part of the grand master. He is called upon to review his own acts; to consider whether he has been faithful and diligent in the discharge of his duties, and whether he has labored as zealously as he ought to have labored in the interests committed to his care. Whilst I will not say that I have wilfully neglected any important duties, I must confess my consciousness of many lost opportunities to do good, for which I invoke your consideration towards myself.

In the kind feeling and harmony that prevail in our jurisidiction, you will recognize the handiwork of the Great Architect of the Universe, and return Him thanks for this and all His other blessings bestowed upon us.

If in New Brunswick there has been no occurrence of deep interest to the craft, there have transpired during the year, in other jurisdictions, some events of interest to the whole fraternity—inasmuch as they reflect in some way the growth, progress and prosperity of our Ancient Institution.

The installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, was an event that excited much interest, not only among the freemasons in the Empire, but among all classes of people. The exalted position of the Prince of Wales, the magnificence of the ceremonial of his installation, the demonstration of warm affection excited by his appearance in grand lodge, the admirable spirit of his address on assuming his official station, his own acknowledgment of attachment to our time-honored fraternity and of his determination to further its objects, are sufficient to make this event one of the most important in the annals of freemasonry in the British Empire; and it is one that I trust will shed a lustre, not only upon the institution, but upon our distinguished brother.

Another striking masonic event was the dedication in the City of Rome of a magnificent suit of apartments for the uses of the craft —a ceremony in which nearly one thousand brothers united, and the public celebration of which demonstrates the masonic unity now prevailing in Italy, as well as the growth of liberty in the Eternal City.

The dedication of the fine new masonic temple in New York was an occurrence of more than ordinary interest. The grand master of that state courteously extended to the grand master and other prominent officers of this grand lodge an invitation to be present and participate in the ceremonies. The temple is owned by the craft in the state, and its erection is but the preliminary step to the creation of a Masonic Asylum, intended to be the most complete establishment of its kind in the world. This work, and the noble charity which it is designed to aid, have long been in contemplation by the masons of the Empire State, and I would have been much gratified had the time at my disposal enabled me to participate in an event which, alike from its interest and the magnificence of its surroundings, is of historic importance to masonry on this continent. But I had made an engagement with the craft in Prince Edward Island for a later period in the same month, and was unable to give the time. The deputy grand master and the grand secretary concurred with me in the idea that the occasion was one to call for the congratulations of the entire craft in the province, and we

therefore, sent the following telegram to the Grand Lodge of New York:

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, June 4, 1875.

To Elwood E. Thorne, Grand Master:

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick fraternally greets the Grand Lodge of New York, and congratulates the fraternity of the Empire State on the great events of the week. May the hall just dedicated ever be the abode of brotherly love, and the projected asylum soon be an accomplished fact—a monument testifying alike to the great principles of our institution and of the devotion of New York Masonry to those principles.

JOHN V. ELLIS, Grand Master.
ROBERT MARSHALL, Deputy Grand Master.
WILLIAM F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.

With all the masonic jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal communication the most kindly relations prevail.

Commissions have issued to V. Bro. W. W. Estabrooks, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and a native of this province, as our representative at that grand lodge; and to W. Bro. Christopher Dhiel as our representative at the Grand Lodge of Utah. The Grand Lodge of Hungary has asked for an exchange of representatives; we have not however, entered into fraternal relations with that body, and whilst the fraternity in Hungary continues in a divided condition, it is advisable that our present attitude should not be changed.

The lodges in Prince Edward Island united in the formation of a grand lodge for that province of the Dominion, and a courteous request was sent to me and to the officers of grand lodge to attend on the 24th of June to install the grand master and other officers of grand lodge. Satisfied with the regularity of their proceedings, the movement of the freemasons in Prince Edward Island was one that met with my hearty concurrence, as I have no doubt it will with yours, and I readily accepted the invitation. With

P. G. Master R. W. ROBT. T. CLINCH, . . Acting Deputy Grand Master,
V. W. WM. F. BUNTING . . . . . as Senior Grand Warden,
W. G. H. FLEWELLING, ... as Junior Grand Warden,
W. JAS. G. FORBES, ... as Grand Secretary,
W. GEO. KILNAPP, ... as Grand Treasurer,
W. T. N. Robertson, ... as Grand Director of Ceremonies,
B. C. BARCLAY BOYD, ... as Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies,
W. JAS. D. PHINNEY, ... Grand Sword Bearer,
W. JAS. MCNICHOL, JR., ... as Grand Pursuivant,
W. CHAS. U. HANFORD, ... Grand Steward,
ROBT. H. SANCTON, ... as Grand Steward,

I attended the new grand lodge and installed M. W. Bro. Yeo, the

Grand Master, and the other officers. Besides the masonic duties in grand lodge, the craft on the island had arranged for a public procession and a service at church, where an excellent sermon was preached by Rev. Bro. Archdeacon Read, and in the evening there was a masonic dinner, at which the visitors were hospitably and courteously entertained. The "Encampment of St. John" of the Order of the Temple had courteously offered their services as an escort to the Grand Master of New Brunswick to and from Charlottetown, an offer which I gladly accepted, and the presence of this fine chivalrous organization gave great interest to the public ceremonies. The grand secretary will lay before you the official application from the new grand lodge for recognition, and I have no doubt that you will readily and heartily welcome her to a place in your affections.

The grand secretary will also lay before you the papers connected with the formation of a grand lodge in the province of Manitoba, together with the official application for recognition. I have looked through the report of the proceedings, and I believe you will find the action taken to have been perfectly regular, and the new grand lodge entitled to our warmest fraternal regard and sympathy. These applications, coming as they do from the extreme East and from the far West, exhibit alike the progress of our country and the spread of the great principles of which our institution is the exponent. Our recognition is also asked for the recently formed Grand Lodge of Wyoming, which, I think, may be safely accorded. The proceedings have been transmitted us of a grand lodge lately formed in the "Indian Territory," but there is no formal request for recognition. There is a lack of information as to the status of the subordinate lodges uniting in the formation, and for the present, immediate action on the matter does not appear to be necessary.

The transactions of our sister grand lodges record the death, during the year, of many eminent and distinguished brothers. In the number is included three past grand masters of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, R. W. Bros. John Meredith Read, Lucius H. Scott, and James Paige; M. W. Past Grand Master John N. McJilton, of Maryland; and Past Grand Master John H. Anthon, of New York. The craft in Massachusetts recently sustained a severe loss in the death of Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis, not only a devoted and an active mason up to the time when death closed his illustrious career, but a citizen and a man adorned with the graces of mind and character which made him eminent in society and in the state, and generally useful to his fellow man.

In our own Dominion the death of M. W. Bro. Wm. Mercer Wilson, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, excited deep and general sympathy. When I was made a mason in the city of Montreal, nearly twenty years ago, Bro. Wilson was at the head of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and for several times, at various intervals, he has been called to the same position, the duties of which he discharged with discretion, zeal and ability. I believe that a close review of Bro. Wilson's career would show that he was the leading mind in the movement for the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the result of which has been the present system of masonic government in the Dominion. In the early days of the movement his patient energy and wise counsels sustained that grand lodge in the darkest hour of trial. He visited a large number of the grand lodges in the United States, explaining to them the position of his grand lodge, and procuring from them support and sympathy; and his continued election to the office of grand master clearly showed how grand lodge trusted him. When what is known as the "Quebec Difficulty" had assumed such a position that its settlement became an absolute necessity, the Grand Lodge of Canada recalled him to the position of grand master—the highest compliment that could have been paid to him. It was never my good fortune to personally meet Bro. Wilson, but I had considerable correspondence with him, and ever found him prompt, clear and decisive; whilst the fund of masonic knowledge at his hand, on the most intricate questions, was very large indeed. As a citizen, M. W. Bro. Wilson was held in the highest esteem by the community in which he lived; the government of the country showed its confidence in him by giving him a seat on the bench; and his whole career, civic and masonic, was that of a good man. Grand Lodge will not, I am sure, fail to give expression to its sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Canada in the loss it has sustained by the death of so eminent a brother.

In this jurisdiction we have to mourn the death of R. W. Brother W. P. Flewelling, who died at Clifton, on March 27, at the age of sixty years. For many years Bro. Flewelling was an active member of Midian Lodge, in which he filled nearly every important office, and of which he was treasurer at the time of his death. He took an active interest in the formation of our grand lodge, and was the first senior grand warden. A man of large human sympathies and kind heart, Bro. Flewelling was always held in high esteem by the community. He was the leading spirit of the settlement in which he lived, and which his enterprise largely contributed to build up. Hon-

ored by the people of King's County with their confidence, he represented them in the provincial legislature, serving them faithfully, as he did the whole province as a member of the government, and as surveyor general—the duties of which office he discharged, as he did of every position of trust he held, with marked fidelity. It will be a proper tribute to the worth of our deceased brother to dedicate a page of the records to his memory.

The only other member of grand lodge whose death in the past year has come under my notice, is W. Bro. John Frost, of Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, who died April 7. Bro. Frost's quiet and retiring disposition prevented him from taking an active interest in the affairs of grand lodge; but he was a warm-hearted and enthusiastic mason, and the place he held in the affections of the brethren was amply demonstrated by the numbers who, under the banners of Union Lodge of Portland, attended his remains to their last resting place.

The reports of the board of general purposes and of the grand secretary and the grand treasurer will show the craft in this jurisdiction to be in a satisfactory condition. If we are not making as rapid progress in increase of numbers and in wealth as some of the more ardent of our brethren would desire, the returns will show that there is a healthy increase; and that there are no discordant elements at work to disturb the harmony that should be the great characteristic of all masonic bodies. The grand master or the board has not been called upon to settle any important disputes between lodges or members, and we can all heartily exclaim, "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Grand Lodge will find that in the year its finances have been managed with the most rigid economy. Although the amount received by the grand secretary fell below the receipts of the previous year, the balance on hand has been very slightly reduced, while a payment of $500 has been made on the subscription of grand lodge to the stock of the Masonic Hall Company.

When grand lodge was established the salary of the grand secretary was fixed at $300. Last October the board of general purposes, considering the increased and growing labors of the grand secretary, after ordering the payment of this amount, voted him an additional $100. It will be for grand lodge to say whether the salary shall be permanently fixed at this advance—which, though large in proportion to our revenue, does not seem to be a large recompense for the discharge of the duties the grand secretary is called upon to perform.

At the last session of grand lodge a resolution was adopted making the production of a grand lodge certificate a pre-requisite for examination, from brothers hailing from another jurisdiction, desiring to be received as visitors into lodges in this province. I invite grand lodge to a further and fuller consideration of this subject. If it is desirable to continue this regulation it should be made a constitutional enactment; and it appears to me, that if continued, it should be made to apply to brothers hailing from lodges in our own province, as well as to those coming from other jurisdictions. The European practice is to insist upon the production of a grand lodge certificate, as a proof that the applicant has been made a mason in a regular lodge. On this continent the production of the certificate is not generally required, though it is in some places. However, the brethren have now had several months experience of the practice, and they ought to be able to say whether its continuence is or is not desirable.

The constitution of grand lodge provides for the existence of a charity fund, to be styled the "Fund of Benevolence," for the relief of poor and distressed brethren, or the widows and orphans of deceased brethren in good standing, upon the register of grand lodge. Up to the present time this fund exists only in name, and I earnestly urge upon grand lodge to consider whether some practical steps cannot be taken towards the creation of the fund. If we begin in ever so humble a manner, something even then will be achieved. Out of the surplus now on hand at least two hundred dollars might be funded, and placed at interest for this purpose. I sincerely believe that a fund created for such a laudable object will rapidly grow, and will commend itself to the warmest consideration of charitable and well-disposed brothers; but until a commencement is made by grand lodge, the "donations" contemplated by the constitution are not likely to be received from individuals. The establishment of the fund itself is a duty the performance of which we ought no longer to postpone.

Where advice has been asked by lodges or brethren on any question, it has been freely given, through the grand secretary; but I have made no decisions of particular importance to the craft generally. In one case, where an inquiry was made as to whether a brother could hold office in a lodge of which he was not a member, an answer was returned in the negative; for although there is no constitutional enactment on the subject, it would seem to be opposed to common sense to allow a brother to be an officer where he was not a member; and the absence of any regulation might be taken as a proof that no regulation was

thought to be necessary. Of course, the case of a tyler, who is a serving brother, and whose duties are entirely different from those of any other officer, is entirely an exceptional custom as well as necessity, permitting one brother to serve many lodges. In another case the grand secretary advised a lodge that it was contrary to sound masonic policy to initiate in 1875, without a fresh ballot, a person who had been accepted in 1871. The reasons are obvious. In that period of time many persons might be initiated into the lodge who would not be willing to receive the candidate, whilst in the four years his own character and habits might unfortunately have undergone changes which would unfit him to be made a mason. Every lodge by its by-laws ought to provide that a candidate neglecting to come forward within a reasonable period after his election, should have his election set aside. A lodge asked whether it could rent its lodge room to another society. Of course, with the control of the property of private lodges the grand master has no power, or even desire to interfere; but the enquiring lodge was advised that the interests of the craft would be best served by reserving its lodge room for its own exclusive use. I am aware that in some places throughout the country, lodges cannot help a common tenancy with other societies, and in some places where masonic halls have been erected by the joint action of the lodge and the community, the lodge room is used for various purposes. It should be the aim of every lodge however, to secure as soon as possible its own room for its own exclusive use. A lodge enquired whether objection would be taken to its holding a "Masonic Gift Enterprise" in aid of its hall fund. The grand secretary fraternally advised the lodge to abandon the idea, as the whole feeling and spirit of the craft is against undertakings of this kind—and they have been positively condemned by many grand lodges. The advice was at once acted upon in the most commendable spirit by the lodge—a circumstance that I note with pleasure, for the burden entailed upon it by the fine hall it is erecting is very great, and the "Gift Enterprise" seemed an easy way of financing. A lodge was also advised that a native of this province who has resided many years in California, and returns on a short visit to his friends, is to be regarded as a sojourner merely.

In the matter of granting dispensations to advance brethren at the shortest time allowed by the constitution, I have endeavored to be fully satisfied that the circumstances justified the use of the power vested in the grand master; and where not satisfied, I have refused the request.

Questions continue to be put to the grand secretary as to the physi-

cal qualifications of candidates, notwithstanding the clear and unmistakable utterances of grand lodge on this matter. I trust I may be pardoned in quoting, in this connection, a decision of the Grand Master of New York, M. W. Bro. E. E. Thorne, as showing the practice of that jurisdiction to be entirely in accord with our own. Brother Thorne decided :

"That the physical qualifications of a candidate for masonry cannot be determined by the grand master. The grand master connot issue a dispensation allowing a lodge to disobey a landmark of masonry. Whether a candidate is such 'a hale man, sound, not deformed or dismembered,' as the landmarks of masonry prescribe to be eligible material for the temple, is a question that must be settled by the conscientious judgment of the master and each brother of the lodge. If the master of a lodge is not satisfied, after thoroughly and scrupulously considering the matter, that the candiditate is such a man, it will be his duty to reject him."

I would earnestly impress upon the worshipful masters of lodges the duty of a strict compliance with the laws of grand lodge and the general requirements of the craft in respect to masonic burial. In one case a lodge buried with masonic honors a brother who had never affiliated with the craft in this jurisdiction, and who was not a member of any lodge; in another case the grand secretary was applied to for information as to whether a dispensation would be issued to bury a brother who had been suspended for non-payment of dues; other applications have been made for dispensations to bury unaffiliated masons. In one case a brother had accidentally shot himself, and there was much public sympathy with his family. In another a brother had withdrawn from his lodge, had resided some time in the United States, and had not rejoined on his return. The burden or responsibility, or even trouble, of a decision in such cases, should not be thrown either upon the grand master or the grand secretary, but the master of the lodge, no matter what the local reasons pressing him to a contrary course, should manfully do his duty, as is clearly prescribed by the constitutions. No unaffiliated mason can be lawfully interred with masonic honors, and no affiliated brother ought to be so interred, unless at his own request. Our constitutions make a liberal provision to meet the case of the stranger-brother who may die within our jurisdiction. No master of a lodge should ask for a dispensation to hold a masonic funeral procession unless he is fully satisfied in his own mind that the circumstances of the case will justify a compliance with his request.

A dispensation has been granted for the establishment at Andover, Victoria County, of "Benjamin Lodge." It has not yet been forwarded however, as I was desirous of meeting the brothers at that place

before they commence their labors. With this object in view I made an arrangement to visit them, with the grand secretary, in the latter part of August, or early the present month; but this design was frustrated by an attack of sickness which confined me to the house for several weeks. The zeal and earnestness the applicants for the dispensation have evinced is a good omen for the success of the lodge. I may state that they have already taken steps for the erection of a hall to contain a proper lodge room.

In Fredericton, last winter, Solomon's Lodge and St. Andrew's Lodge united in the formation of a lodge of instruction, principally upon the model of "Emulation Lodge of Instruction," held in St. John by the grand secretary, and which proved of great benefit to the craft here. The lodge at Fredericton worked very satisfactorily. St. George Lodge, No. 12, St. George, gave its permission to a number of its members, resident at Pennfield, to hold a lodge of instruction in the temperance hall at that place; but I have asked the lodge not to act upon its resolution until your opinion is given upon the subject. It appears to me that a very important principle is involved. With the desire of the brothers at Pennfield to receive masonic instruction, we must all heartily sympathize; but we must consider the effect of allowing a lodge of instruction to be worked elsewhere than in the village where the lodge itself is held, and in a different place of meeting from the lodge room; away, perhaps, from the control of the master. If a lodge may authorize such a lodge of instruction in one place, may it not authorize a similar lodge in another; and what limit is there upon its powers in this respect? I ask your serious consideration of this important matter.

Permission has been given to two persons, residents of the Island of Grand Manan, to apply for admission in the Eastern Star Lodge at Eastport, Maine, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and the grand secretary has notified that lodge of this fact. The nearest lodge in our jurisdiction to the residence of these persons is that at St. Andrew's, a place which they rarely visit, whilst it is much more convenient and easy for them to go to Eastport, with which place indeed they are in constant communication. The ground upon which I granted the application is the general one that it is better for a man to be made a mason in a lodge where he is likely to become an active member, and perhaps a useful, working mason, then in a lodge which he may rarely or never visit after he has received the degrees. As however, I have recently received another application from three gen-

tlemen residing at Forest City for permission to join another lodge in the State of Maine, upon which I have not yet acted, I deem it advisible to bring this matter before you for your consideration.

A complaint was received from Alley Lodge, No. 14, to the effect that Lewey Island Lodge, of Princeton, Maine, had refused to examine or receive in any way as a visitor Brother —— ———, of that lodge. It did not appear however, that Lewey Island Lodge declined to receive as visitors all of the members of Alley Lodge. The objection appears to have been made simply to an individual brother; and recognizing as I do the right of a lodge to refuse admission to a visitor who may be objectionable, I did not deem it advisable to interfere. Of course, it is our duty to secure for our subordinate lodges, from the masonic powers with which we are in amity, every right to which they are entitled. Whilst it is sometimes difficult to prevent differences among lodges of different jurisdictions whose territory is contiguous, I am glad to be in a position to state that our relations with the grand lodge of Maine are of the most satisfactory kind, and that we can rely on its best efforts in aid of our own to promote peace and harmony among our brethren on the border.

Among the official visitations that I made during the year was a very pleasing one to Albion Lodge, No 1, on the occasion of its forty-fifth anniversary from the date of its taking out a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, although it had a long existence previous to this as Lodge No. 52, under the then so-called Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. If some of our older lodges could be induced to publish sketches of their history, they would be invaluable additions to our masonic records. I also paid quite recently, in company with V. W. Bro. Bunting, and W. Bros. T. N. Robertson and Henry Duffell, an exceedingly pleasant visit to Midian Lodge, Clifton, where we were most hospitably entertained, not only by the brethren, under the presidency of Past Master G. Hudson Flewelling and the W. Master Rev. Bro. David Wetmore, but by the ladies of the place, the wives and daughters of the members. You all know how peculiarly Midian Lodge is situated. Often it does no work for long periods of time, and the names of two or three well known families principally cover its whole list of members. But it lacks neither enthusiasm nor the right masonic feeling. It was a real pleasure to us, on the occasion in question, to meet many old masonic veterans, some of whom had been masons, and even masters of lodges, before any of the visitors had entered upon this transitory stage of existence. We listened with

great interest to many reminiscences of the past from these old veterans, some of whom would carry their masonic memories back over a period of from fifty to sixty years.

I have to thank the various officers of grand lodge, the board of general purposes, and many members of the craft of every station and rank, for the advice or assistance rendered me, as I have asked it, in the discharge of my official duties. The courtesy and kindness shown towards me personally, I gratefully appreciate. Whilst the cheerfulness with which assistance has been rendered me has not only lightened my own labors, and made the performance of them very pleasant, it has also shown to me what must be equally pleasing to you all, the deep and hearty interest that is felt by so many of our brothers in the welfare of this ancient and honorable fraternity.

It was moved by W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, A. G. D. C., and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee, to make such a disposition of the subjects contained in it as will tend to facilitate the business of grand lodge.

Whereupon the following brethren were appointed such committee:

W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, R. W. Bro. W. F. Dibblee, and W. Bro. Henry J. Thorne.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary submitted his annual report and account, as follows:

Annual Report of Grand Secretary.

To the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The Grand Secretary, as required by the laws of the grand lodge, herewith submits his annual statement, as follows:

The receipts of his office for the year just ended were twelve hundred and seventy-eight dollars and thirty cents, accruing from the following sources:

For Registration fees,	$186 50
Certificates,	169 00
Annual dues,	873 20
Dispensations,	24 00
Miscellaneous,	25 60
Total,	$1278 30

He paid this amount over to the grand treasurer, and rendered a detailed statement to the board of general purposes, whose audit committee will no doubt, submit a report thereon.

The returns of the lodges for the year ending December 27th, 1874, have been received, with the exception of Sussex, No. 4, of Dorchester, which lodge, from some unexplained cause, has failed to attend to this very important requirement.

A synopsis of the returns gives the following particulars:

Number initiated,	161
" Passed,	161
" Raised,	175
" Joined,	39
" Reinstated,	3
" Withdrawn,	54
" Suspended,	55
" Excluded,	2
" Died,	30
Total number of members,	2209

Six dispensations were issued under authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, during the past year, for the following purposes:

To confer degrees at short intervals,	4
To bury deceased brethren,	2

The proceedings of the last annual communication of Grand Lodge were published in due course, under the authority of the board of general purposes, and were distributed in the usual manner.

The Grand Secretary herewith acknowledges the reception of the following contributions to the Library of Grand Lodge:

From R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, D. G. M.—A copy of Mackey's Encyclopædia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences.

From the Grand Lodge of Virginia—A copy of the Reprint of the proceedings of that Grand Lodge from A. D. 1777 to A. D. 1823.

From the Grand Lodge of Illinois—A copy of the reprint of the proceedings of that Grand Lodge from A. D. 1840 to A. D. 1860. Also, a copy of its Constitution.

From the Grand Lodge of Missouri—Two copies of a new edition of its Book of Constitutions.

From the Grand Lodge of California—A copy of a new edition of its Constitution.

From the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory—A copy of a new edition of its Constitution.

From the Grand Lodge of Florida—A copy of the Constitution of that Grand Lodge.

From the Commissioners for the erection of public buildings in Philadelphia—An illustrated copy of the proceedings of laying the corner stone of the new Public Buildings on Penn Square, by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

A copy of the Calendar of the Grand Orient of France.

He has received circulars and communications giving notice of the organization, during the past year, of the Grand Lodges of Wyoming Territory, Indian Territory, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island.

An official notification has been handed him from the board of general purposes of a number of proposed amendments to the book of constitutions, particulars of which will be embodied in the annual report of the board.

A detailed statement of the receipts of the grand lodge for the year just closed, has been submitted to and audited by the board of general purposes, of which the following is a copy :

William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

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Cash received	from	Albion Lodge,	No. 1,	$82	60
"	"	St. John's,	" 2,	83	00
"	"	Hibernia,	" 3,	64	80
"	"	Sussex,	" 4,	00	00
"	"	St. Mark's,	" 5,	37	70
"	"	Solomon's,	" 6,	41	40
"	"	Sussex,	" 7,	53	10
"	"	Carleton Union,	" 8,	83	40
"	"	Midian,	" 9,	18	70
"	"	Union of Portland,	" 10,	121	80
"	"	Woodstock,	" 11,	52	40
"	"	St. George,	" 12,	82	50
"	"	Corinthian,	" 13,	13	20
"	"	Alley,	" 14,	29	20
"	"	Howard,	" 15,	33	20
"	"	St. Andrew,	" 16,	35	00
"	"	Northumberland,	" 17,	46	70

Cash received from	Miramichi Lodge,	No. 18,	34 10	
" "	Leinster,	" 19,	48 10	
" "	Salisbury,	" 20,	22 70	
" "	Zion,	" 21,	34 30	
" "	New Brunswick,	" 22,	45 00	
" "	Keith,	" 23,	36 10	
" "	Zetland,	" 24,	19 10	
" "	Restigouche,	" 25,	28 90	
" "	Victoria,	" 26,	43 20	
" "	St. John,	" 27,	15 60	
" "	Lebanon,	" 28,	10 40	
" "	St. Andrew's,	" 29,	31 40	
" "	St. Martin's,	" 30,	30 70	
				$1278 30

1875. Cr.

April 29,	Cash paid Grand Treasurer,	$800 00
Sept. 10,	" "	478 30
		$1278 30

WM. F. BUNTING,
Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., 10th Sept., 1875.

The V. W. the Grand Treasurer presented his annual account, as follows:

William H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

1874. Dr.

Sept. 17,	To balance in bank of B. N. America,	$1046 27
1875.		
April 29,	To amount received from Grand Secretary,	$800 00
Sept. 10,	" " " "	478 30
		$2324 57

1874.		Cr.		
Oct. 3.	By paid	advertising in *Morning Telegraph*,..	$ 12 00	
	"	advertising in *Morning News*,.....	12 00	
	"	advertising in *Evening Globe*, ...	11 00	
	"	Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	4 25	
	"	Grand Tyler,.....	12 00	
	"	Grand Secretary, salary,.....	300 00	
	"	" extra allowance,..	100 00	
	"	Festival Committee,.....	144 00	
1875.				
Mar. 10.	"	H. Chubb & Co., printing, &c.,...	159 60	
	"	Lansdowne & Martin, crape, &c.,..	6 34	
	"	Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	4 00	
	"	Knox & Thompson, book case,....	30 60	
	"	Insurance on regalia, &c.,.....	7 50	
Sept. 10.	"	Masonic Hall Co., stock sub.,.....	500 00	
	"	Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	5 00	
	"	Telegram to New York,.....	5 76	
	"	Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	2 33	
	"	Cleaning and repairing regalia,.....	5 50	
	"	Cleaning consecration vessels,.....	1 20	
	"	Grand Secretary for postages, &c...	16 38	
	"	Balance in Bank B. N. America,...	985 11	
				$2324 57

W. H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., 13th Sept., 1875.

Whereupon, it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the reports and accounts of the grand treasurer and grand secretary be received.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, as President of the

Board of General Purposes, submitted the annual report of the board, as follows:

Report of Board of General Purposes.

MASONIC HALL, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK,
22nd day of September, A. L. 5875.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

The Board of General Purposes, in presenting its eighth annual report, feels deep gratification in being able to record the fact that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and that the various lodges give evidence of that material advancement and marked progress which should characterize our time-honored institution.

Shortly after the last annual assembly of grand lodge the board met, and by an unanimous vote elected Worshipful Brother James McNichol, Junior, Vice-President for the current year. The festival committee then reported as to the dinner given under the banners of grand lodge, at the Victoria Hotel, on Friday evening, the 25th of September, 1874. The close of the annual session of grand lodge would seem to be a time when the brethren might with much profit gather around the social board. While we may not have the pleasure this year, under the banners of grand lodge, of meeting in this way, it may be well for the brethren in the city, for the future, to make it a matter of course that our grand assembly shall close with a fraternal re-union. You will all admit that festivals such as that of last year do much to cement that true and cordial good fellowship which should pre-eminently mark our intercourse one with another.

The board, at its meeting held on the 2nd October last, unanimously resolved to hold four instead of six regular meetings during the masonic year, for the transaction of business, viz. : on the second Wednesday in December, March, June and September, at 3 o'clock p. m. Inasmuch as a special meeting may be convened when occasion requires, the change has proved unobjectionable ; indeed, the masonic harmony which obtains throughout the province has rendered the work of the board of general purposes during the year exceedingly easy and agreeable.

Under date Saint John, 17th April, A. D. 1875, the board received the following letter, viz. :

"GENTLEMEN: I desire to give three grand concerts, or a short season of opera, at the Academy of Music, Saint John, in aid of the new Masonic Hall, now in contemplation of erection in this city, and I desire that I may be allowed permission to advertise the same whenever and wherever I choose, for which I will guarantee the lodge the sum of five thousand dollars, to be devoted to such purposes as the lodge may deem advisable.

"With every sentiment alive to the importance of your good work,

"I am, with respect, —— ——."

The board at once proceeded to consider this proposition, and unanimously adopted the following, viz. :

"*Resolved*, That the board acknowledges the sentiments of good will conveyed in —— ——'s note, and while thanking him for his generous offer, they do not feel disposed to lend the aid of the craft in the promotion or encouragement of lotteries, and therefore respectfully decline to take advantage of his proposal."

The board considers that it may properly refer to this matter, knowing that the policy adopted in the above quoted reply will meet with the earnest endorsement of every masonic body throughout our jurisdiction.

Agreeable to authority of grand lodge, the board has, through the V. W. the Grand Treasurer, paid a second instalment of five hundred dollars towards the six thousand dollars subscribed by grand lodge to the capital stock of the New Brunswick Masonic Hall Company. Although the times may appear unpropitious, yet it is to be hoped that material progress will be made during the present year in this important work. The company now own a valuable, spacious and eligible site in one of the most desirable locations in the City of Saint John, and the fraternity of the province have only to decide that the "*New Brunswick Masonic Temple*" shall be built, and little if any real difficulty need be anticipated. If even one-fourth of the brethren on the roll of grand lodge take stock to the amount of say one hundred dollars each (and as the payments are spread over a number of years this can easily be done), an amount more than will be required, even for such a commodious and imposing "*Temple*" as the plans now in course of preparation by our architects indicate, will be guaranteed. Germain Street is so central that the stockholders may look forward to a large revenue from rental which, in time, may we not assume, will go to swell the "*General Relief Fund*" of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Agreeable to the direction of grand lodge, the board of general pur-

poses have exhaustively revised the book of constitutions, so that all requisite alterations may be made before the new edition be published. They beg to submit the following, which having been entered upon the notice book by the very worshipful the grand secretary, may now be discussed and acted upon:

1st. — Page 24, Section 16. It is proposed to strike out "the fourth Wednesday in September," and insert "the last Wednesday in March."

2nd. — Page 29, Section 4. It is proposed to strike out all previous to the words, "He may also," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Should the grand master deem it desirable, he may, by warrant, appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent grand lodge in any sister grand lodge with which this grand lodge is in fraternal communication, and report such appointment to grand lodge at the earliest opportunity."

3rd. — Page 31, Section 1. It is proposed, under heading "Of Grand Wardens;" also, section under heading "Of Grand Chaplain;" also, section under heading "Of Grand Treasurer," and page 32, section 1, under heading "Of Grand Secretary," to insert in each section the words "if present" before "invested."

4th. — Page 32, Section 3. It is proposed to strike out the words "*in September*," at the end of the section.

5th. — Page 34, Section 4. It is proposed after the word "Salary," to strike out "of per annum."

6th. — Page 34, Section headed "*Of Grand Deacons.*" It is proposed to insert the words "if present" before "installed."

7th. — Page 38, Section 10. It is proposed to strike out the word "*all*," third line; also, to strike out all after the word "*payment*," fourth line.

8th. — Page 41, Section 3. It is proposed, in lieu of section 3, struck out at the annual communication of grand lodge of September, 1873, to insert the following: "Section 3. — A lodge, by its by-laws, may provide that the Festival Day of Saint John the Evangelist shall be a regular communication for the purpose of installing officers."

9th. — Page 41, Section 6. It is proposed to strike out the word "member," first line, and insert "brother."

10th. — Page 44, Section 17. It is proposed, before the word "County," first line, to insert "City and," and strike out after the word "sum," fifth line, the sentence: "The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the lodge for all fees payable on account of his initiation."

11th. — Page 45, Section 18. It is proposed to strike out "if he desires," first line.

12th. — Page 49, Section 37. It is proposed to strike out the first, second, third and fourth lines of the section, and before the words "the majority," fifth line, insert the word "if."

13th. — Page 53, Section 9. It is proposed to strike out the word "place," at the end of the section, and substitute the word "stead."

14th. — Page 57, Section 2. It is proposed to strike out the words "and military," first line, and at the foot of the page add as a *foot note*: "The term *seafaring men* does not extend or apply to persons employed in vessels known as coasters, or in any vessels trading or plying between ports on the Atlantic seaboard of North America."

15th. — Page 57, Section 3. It is proposed to amend, to read as follows: "No lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another lodge, without the consent of that lodge. If the lodge whose permission is asked consents thereto, it must be by resolution and in writing, the members thereof having been previously notified of the application. Should such lodge refuse to give its consent, application may be made to the grand master, who may grant a dispensation. The jurisdiction of each lodge extends in every direction, half way to the nearest lodge, except in a city or town where there are two or more lodges, in which case each lodge has concurrent jurisdiction."

16th. — Page 59, Section 5. It is proposed to strike out the words "of the following import, viz.," and substitute "as follows."

The blank space after the word "have" to be changed, to come after the word "made," same line. In the succeeding line strike out the words "any other," and substitute "another." The following to be added to the section: "This declaration shall be read in open lodge, and handed to the committee of investigation, who shall append their report thereon."

17th. — Page 60, Section 8. It is proposed, after the word "craft," third line, to strike out the words "and if he desire to become a member of the lodge, he must," and insert the words "he shall," and strike out the words "on his initiation," fifth line.

18th. — Page 60, Section 9. It is proposed to add the following to the end of the section: "When an applicant who has been rejected in one lodge in this jurisdiction shall, after the expiration of six months, make application to another lodge for admission to the fraternity, the application may be received, but no ballot shall be taken thereon until the

former lodge shall have been notified and shall have given its consent by resolution, certified by the master and secretary. The members of the lodge, whose consent is asked, must, previous to any action thereon, be notified of such application."

19th.—Page 62, Section 2. It is proposed to strike out all the section after the word "thereof," second line, and substitute the words "or it will not be valid."

20th.—Page 64, Section 7. It is proposed to strike out "fifty cents," and insert "one dollar."

21st.—Page 65, Section 5. It is proposed to strike out the word "to," seventh line.

22nd.—Page 67. It is proposed that the sentence, "For every person initiated in a lodge, one dollar registration fee," shall be amended so as to read, "For every person initiated in a lodge two dollars, to include registration fee and certificate."

The Sub-Committee on Audit and Accounts having attended to that duty, their report is submitted, as follows:

To the Board of General Purposes, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The Audit Committee, appointed by the board, beg leave to report that, after a careful examination of the books and accounts of the grand treasurer and grand secretary for the year ending September 14th, 1875, they find them correct.

Your committee again have much pleasure in expressing their gratification at the manner in which they have found the books and accounts of the above named grand officers.

The receipts for the past year are,.....	$1278 30	
The balance on hand from last year was,.....	1046 27	
Making a total of, ...		$2324 57
The expenditure during the year was,.....	$1339 46	
Leaving a balance in hands of grand treasurer of	985 11	
		$2324 57

The grand treasurer produced proper vouchers for the amounts paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,
J. HENRY LEONARD,
HENRY DUFFELL,
Committee.

The board having attended to the instruction of grand lodge, to consider the propriety of providing an uniform "*Funeral Service*" for the use of lodges in this jurisdiction, have to report that although this important matter has received thoughtful attention, yet it has been unable, up to the present time, to select from the many beautiful and

impressive services now in use by the fraternity, one which it would recommend should be adopted throughout our jurisdiction, to the exclusion of all others. The board, under the circumstances, therefore suggests that the matter be again referred, so that it may be considered during recess, to the end that the question may be disposed of at the next meeting of grand lodge.

The board would respectfully recommend that the very worshi[illegible] the grand secretary be hereby authorized and directed to have another edition of the "*Book of Constitutions*" printed for the use of the fraternity.

Very respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL, D. G. M.,
President Board of General Purposes.

Whereupon, it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the report of the board be received.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the grand secretary be authorized to have the foregoing addresses, reports and accounts printed for immediate distribution among the representatives present in grand lodge.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary read circulars from the recently organized Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Wyoming Territory, announcing the formation of such grand lodges, and requesting to enter into fraternal relations with this grand lodge.

Whereupon, it was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the applications be received and be laid on the table.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary read the following note:

"Mr. Thomas Furlong presents his compliments to the members of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. Masons of New Brunswick, and begs their acceptance of the accompanying picture."

Accompanying this note was a portrait, richly framed, of His Royal Highness ALBERT EDWARD, Prince of Wales, in his official insignia as M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. The portrait is an autotype, finely and richly painted in water colors, by Wilson, of London, and is a valuable addition to the portraits now in the possession of grand lodge.

Whereupon, it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved unanimously, That the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick cordially accepts the very handsome portrait of His Royal Highness, Most Worshipful Brother Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, presented to this grand lodge by Thomas Furlong, Esquire, and tenders the warmest acknowledgments and thanks of grand lodge to Mr. Furlong for a gift which is valuable, not only as an admirable likeness of an eminent member of the fraternity, but also as a finished work of art.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the amendments to the constitution, proposed in the annual report of the board of general purposes, be the order of business for half-past eight o'clock this evening.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary read notes, addressed to him, from M. W. Bro. James F. Miller, representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Texas, and R. W. Bro. Henry M. Alexander, representative near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, acknowledging the reception of their commissions as such representatives, and expressing their heartfelt desire for the permanent establishment of the most amicable relations between the respective grand lodges.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the V. W. the Grand Secretary address to Thomas

Furlong, Esq., a copy of the resolution of grand lodge, in reference to the gift received from him.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

22nd September, 1875.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at half-past seven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The Library Committee submitted a report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M. was ordered to be received, and the thanks of grand lodge returned to the contributors to the shelves of the library.

Report of Library Committee.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.:

The undersigned Library Committee beg to report, that when they submitted their statement at the annual communication last year, they had in their hands a balance of $33.15.

Since then they have expended the sum of $31.46, leaving a balance in their hands of $1.69.

During the year just closed they have added, by purchase, the following works to the library shelves:

A Defence of Freemasonry, by A. F. A. Woodford, M. A.;

Reflected Rays of Light upon Freemasonry, by Bro. William Garey;

The Life of Constantine;

Freemasonry in relation to Civil Authority and the Family Circle, by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton;

Masonic Gatherings, by Bro. George Taylor;

Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1874 and 1875, London;
Freemasons' Secrets, edited by Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M. A.;
Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, A. D. 1873;
Craft Tracing Boards, published by Kenning, London.

They have received as a donation to the library, from R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, D. G. M., a copy of Bro. Mackey's very valuable work, entitled, "An Encyclopædia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences."

Also, from W. Bro. D. E. Seymour, the representative of this grand lodge near the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, a volume, entitled, "The Knights Templars," by C. G. Addison.

The proceedings of sister grand lodges, magazines, etc., which have been accumulating during the past few years, numbering one hundred and forty-one volumes, have been bound and placed on the shelves.

We respectfully call upon grand lodge to continue its efforts on behalf of the library.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL,
JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,
WM. F. BUNTING.

St. John, 22nd Sept., 1875.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Past Grand Master, presented credentials as representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Florida, dated the twenty-seventh day of July, A. L. 5875, and signed by M. W. Bro. Albert J. Russell, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. Peters, as such representative, was thereupon received, and saluted in due form.

The Committee on the M. W. Grand Master's Address, presented a report, which, on motion of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, was ordered to be received, and the recommendation of the committee agreed to.

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MASONIC HALL,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 22, 1875.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the most worshipful grand master, to report as to its disposition in order to facilitate the business of grand lodge, beg to offer the following recommendations, as best calculated to effect that object, viz.:

That so much of the address as relates to relations with other grand lodges be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

That so much of the address as refers to the honored dead be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

That so much of the address as relates to the fund of benevolence be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The committee ask leave to make a further report.

Respectfully submitted,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON,
W. F. DIBBLEE,
HENRY J. THORNE.
Committee.

In accordance with the recommendations contained in the foregoing report, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH SISTER GRAND LODGES.

R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, W. Bro. Henry Duffell, and W. Bro. Robert Gilmour.

COMMITTEE ON THE HONORED DEAD.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, W. Bro. Charles F. Bourne, and W. Bro. David Main.

COMMITTEE ON THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

W. Bros. James McNichol, Jr., G. Hudson Flewelling, and J. Alfred Clark.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the circulars from the newly constituted Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Wyoming Territory, and the report of the organization of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, be referred to the committee on relations with sister grand lodges.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the election of the elective officers of grand lodge be appointed to take place on to-morrow evening at eight o'clock.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That grand lodge go into consideration of the amendments to the book of constitutions, proposed in the report of the board of general purposes.

All the propositions of the board were thereupon considered separately, and were all adopted by grand lodge, with the exception of the first, having reference to a change in the time of holding the annual communication of grand lodge, which was negatived.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That the amendments just adopted be incorporated with and become a part of the constitution of this grand lodge.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the grand secretary be authorized to have a new edition of the constitution printed, to contain all amendments and alterations up to the present time.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

23rd September, 1875.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at three o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

R. W. Bro. Willis, from Committee on Relations with other Grand Lodges, submitted a report, which, on motion of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, was received, and the recommendations adopted.

Report of Committee on Relations with other Grand Lodges.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MASONIC HALL,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 23rd, 1875.

The Committee on the Relations with other Grand Lodges respectfully report:

That having had under consideration the memorials of the Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Wyoming Territory, and finding that the proceedings in each case have been regular and in accordance with the usages of the fraternity, they recommend the said grand lodges to recognition by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and suggest that fraternal communication be established by an immediate exchange of representatives.

Your committee have also examined the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, and while they consider that these indicate that the affairs of the fraternity in the jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily, still, in the absence of a formal application, they do not feel justified in recommending either recognition or an exchange of representatives at the present time.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS,
HENRY DUFFELL,
ROBERT GILMOUR.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That the question of a FUNERAL SERVICE for this jurisdiction, as suggested in the report of the board of general purposes, be referred to the board for its consideration.

W. Bro. McNichol, from the Committee on the FUND OF BENEVOLENCE, submitted a report, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., was received and adopted, and the amount recommended by the committee ordered to be appropriated from the funds of grand lodge.

Report of Committee on Fund of Benevolence.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MASONIC HALL,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 23, 1875.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the most worshipful grand master at the opening of this session of the grand lodge as relates to the existence of a charity fund, to be styled the Fund of Benevolence, for the relief of poor and distressed brethren, or the widows and orphans of deceased brethren in good standing on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, beg to report as follows:

The committee fully agree with the suggestion of the grand master in reference to the advisability of creating such a fund, and would recommend to grand lodge that the sum of two hundred dollars mentioned by him be appropriated from the funds of grand lodge for such purposes.

Your committee would also suggest that grand lodge annually supplement this vote by such amounts as the funds of grand lodge will warrant.

Your committee, while recognizing the importance of this Charity Fund, do not feel warranted in recommending a larger sum, in consequence of the monetary engagements entered into by grand lodge in connection with the contemplated masonic hall.

Your committee would further recommend that the board of general purposes be requested to appeal to the members of the craft in this jurisdiction for donations to the above fund.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,
G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,
J. ALFRED CLARK.

W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, from Committee on the Grand Master's Address, submitted a further report, which, on motion, was received, and the several suggestions and recommendations adopted.

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MASONIC HALL,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 23, 1874.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of New Brunswick:

The committee to whom the address of the most worshipful grand master was referred, having carefully considered the subjects not already referred to special committees, beg to submit a further report:

Your committee would recommend that the question of the salary to be paid the grand secretary should be dealt with by the grand lodge, and an amount fixed which would be permanent.

Your committee fully agree with the advice and decisions which have been given by the most worshipful grand master during the year on the various questions which have been submitted to him.

Your committee also concur in the remarks of the most worshipful grand master in reference to the physical qualifications of candidates, and trust that masters of subordinate lodges will more fully realize the responsibility which rests upon them in this matter.

Your committee cordially agree with the most worshipful grand master in his remarks in reference to masonic burial.

Your committee recommend that grand lodge should further consider the regulation adopted by it at last annual communication, in reference to the production of a grand lodge certificate as a pre-requisite for examination from brothers hailing from a foreign jurisdiction.

Your committee would recommend to grand lodge the serious consideration of that portion of the address of the most worshipful grand master in reference to lodges of instruction. The committee are decidedly of opinion that authority cannot be given by any private lodge to hold a lodge of instruction outside of the hall or room in which the regular meetings of the lodge are held.

In reference to permission to apply for initiation abroad, the most worshipful grand master has handed to the committee for their information an application from three gentlemen residing in Forest City, New Brunswick, for permission to join a lodge in the State of Maine. The committee do not desire to make any special recommendation to grand lodge or the grand master in this matter, but would suggest that each individual case, as it rises, should be dealt with by the grand master and his advisers—the board of general purposes—as the circumstances may seem to warrant.

Your committee congratulate grand lodge upon the very satisfactory condition of the craft within the jurisdiction.

Your committee, in closing their report, desire most cordially to endorse the able and interesting address of the most worshipful grand master.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Nisbet Robertson,
W. F. Dibblee,
H. J. Thorne,
Committee.

It was moved by the R. W. the Junior Grand Warden, and

Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the grand master's address, the grand secretary be paid a salary of four hundred dollars.

It was moved by W. Bro. Henry J. Thorne, and seconded by R. W. Bro. William F. Dibblee:

That grand lodge re-consider the regulation adopted at the last annual communication, requiring all visitors to lodges to produce a certificate of a grand lodge previous to undergoing an examination.

Which motion was negatived.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That lodges of instruction shall be held only in the regular place of meeting of the lodges under whose authority they may be authorized to work.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until half-past seven this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING.

23rd September, 1875.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at half-past seven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that he had appointed the Very Worshipful Brother Geo. F. Newcomb, of Winnepeg, to represent this Grand Lodge near the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Free and Accepted Masons.

R. W. Bro. Peters, from the Committee on the HONORED DEAD, presented a report, which, on motion of the R. W. the Senior Grand Warden, was received, and the recommendations and resolution of the committee adopted.

Report of Committee on the Honored Dead.

To the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master in remembrance of the honored dead, submit their report:

Your committee are in cordial sympathy with the feeling and eloquent tribute of regret offered by the M. W. the Grand Master to the memory of the distinguished and eminent brothers who, from sister grand lodges and from our own jurisdiction, have passed to rest since the last annual communication of this grand lodge.

Your committee recommend that a suitable memorial page be prepared and published with the proceedings of this grand lodge in memory of R. W. Brother William P. Flewelling, Past Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, as an expression of fraternal regard for a brother alike eminent, venerated and beloved.

With special reference to the death of M. W. Brother William Mercer Wilson, your committee submit for the consideration of grand lodge this resolution: "*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick offers fraternal sympathy to the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada on the lamented death of M. W. Brother William Mercer Wilson, late grand master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and joins in the deep sorrow felt by the whole fraternity in the Dominion at the loss sustained by the craft in the demise of an illustrious and distinguished mason."

Your committee recommend that grand lodge adopt this resolution of condolence, and that the same be engrossed and transmitted to the Grand Lodge of Canada under the seal of this grand lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Lester Peters,
Chas. F. Bourne,
David Main.

Committee Rooms, Masonic Hall, 23rd Sept., A. D. 1875.

The time appointed for the election of the elective officers of Grand Lodge for the ensuing year having arrived, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That grand lodge proceed with the order of the day.

The Grand Master said:

R. W. Senior Grand Warden and Brethren:

Before any nomination is made for the office of grand master, I desire to say what is, no doubt, well known to many of you: that it is not my intention to be again a candidate for the position of grand master, which your kindness has enabled me to fill for a period of three years. While the many requests that have been made to me not to act upon this intention fully satisfy me that your confidence is undiminished, I am warned by the pressure of my private affairs, by the increasing calls upon my time, by my duty to my family, that a period has arrived when I must rest from some of my masonic labors. Ever

since this grand lodge was organized I have been engaged in the discharge of some official duty in connection with it, and it is a great satisfaction to believe, as I do, that I retire from my present position enjoying the confidence and respect of all my brethren. In the discharge of the varied and important duties which devolve upon the grand master, I have aimed to be just and impartial in my decisions, careful to maintain the old landmarks, and to adhere to ancient practices; and I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren that a spirit of tolerance and kindness should pervade all their dealings with each other. When I have been called upon to act in any public capacity as grand master, my great aim has been to so place this institution before the public that its enemies would be disarmed, and the good feelings towards it of its friends deepened and strengthened. Whatever errors I have committed, I ask you to charge to that frailty of nature which is common to all men, and to cover them with the broad mantle of masonic charity. Whatever success I have met with in the discharge of my duties is due, under Divine Providence, first to the deep and warm feelings which I entertain for the Masonic Society, to whose capacity for good works I bear hearty testimony; and, second, to your own co-operation and support given to me in my official station, and to your many personal kindnesses shown to me in every station, which has made my occupancy of this chair a real and heartfelt pleasure—one which I shall always keep fresh in memory, and always think of with deep satisfaction.

W. Bros. Edwin J. Wetmore, Henry Duffell and Adolphus G. Beckwith were then appointed and qualified to act as scrutineers.

The regulations of Grand Lodge, relative to the election of officers, having been read by the Grand Secretary, the following brethren were nominated and elected, viz.:

ROBERT T. CLINCH,.....M. W. Grand Master.
WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE,.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,.....R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
DAVID MAIN,.....R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,....V. W. Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,.....V. W. Grand Treasurer.
DINGEE SCRIBNER,..... W. Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master, in a few appropriate remarks, called the attention of Grand Lodge to the services rendered the Craft by V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, and W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, representative at this grand lodge of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, and formerly Junior Grand Warden of the District Grand Lodge under England, and he proposed that grand lodge should mark its estimation of these services by conferring past rank on those brothers. He recommended that the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden should be conferred on Bro. Bunting, and that of Past Junior Grand Warden on Bro. Wetmore.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That, in response to the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden be conferred on V. W. Bro. William F. Bunting.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That, in response to the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden be conferred on W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the installation of the officers of grand lodge take place to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That grand lodge proceed to the consideration of the resolution deferred from the last annual communication, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That while, in the opinion of this grand lodge, a mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the fraternity, until he be suspended, excluded or expelled, after having undergone a regular trial, there is nothing in the general regulations of the craft to prevent lodges, if they desire to do so, enacting a by-law, providing that brethren in arrears of dues on the night of the annual

election in their lodge shall not be eligible to vote at such election or to hold office."

Which resolution, on motion of the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, was adopted and confirmed by grand lodge.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING.

24th September, 1875.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at ten o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

It was moved by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and

Resolved, That in consequence of the serious losses sustained by the brethren of Northumberland Lodge, No. 17, in their attempts to erect a suitable hall at Newcastle, grand lodge donate the sum of fifty dollars to assist them in finishing the building now in course of erection.

The hour appointed for the installation of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Master elect, M. W. Brother Robert Thomson Clinch, was obligated, invested and installed by his predecessor, R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, and was thereupon saluted and proclaimed "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz.:

V. W. William F. Bunting, ... Grand Secretary.
W. James McNichol, Jr.. . . . Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Charles F. Bourne, ... Junior Grand Deacon.
W. T. Nisbet Robertson, . . . Grand Dir. Ceremonies.

W. EDWIN A. RECORD,.....Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.
W. EDWARD L. WETMORE,....Grand Sword Bearer.
W. ROBERT GILMOUR,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,...Grand Pursuivant.
W. CHAS. MCLAUCHLAN, Jr.,.Grand Steward.
W. JAMES GORDON FORBES,.. "
W. GEORGE KILNAPP,..... "
W. SAMUEL EDGETT,..... "
W. JOHN C. LEONARD,..... "
W. WILLIAM A. TWEEDALE,.. "
W. ROBERT A. STUART,..... "
W. WILLIAM SHAUGHNESSY,.. "
W. ERNEST HUTCHINSON,.... "
W. GEORGE L. TAYLOR,..... "
W. EDWIN M. WETMORE,.... "
W. HENRY A JOHNSON,..... "

The following officers, elected and appointed, being present, were installed, invested and proclaimed, viz.:

R. W. WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE,....Deputy GrandMaster.
R. W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,..Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID MAIN,.....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,.Grand Chaplain.
R. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,...Grand Treasurer.
R. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,....Grand Secretary.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, Jr.,....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. CHARLES F. BOURNE,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,...Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM,...Grand Pursuivant.
W. CHAS. MCLAUCHLAN, Jr.,.Grand Steward.
Bro. DINGEE SCRIBNER,..Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, viz:

R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL,..... Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,..... " "
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,.... Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. W. H. A. KEANS,..... " "
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, Jr.,... Senior Grand Deacon.
W. HENRY DUFFELL,..... Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,... Grand Director Ceremonies.
W. J. ALFRED CLARK,..... Past Master Lodge No. 8.
W. JOHN MULLIN,..... Past G. Standard Bearer.
W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL,... Past Senior Grand Deacon.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That a Ritual Committee be appointed.

Whereupon, the following were appointed such committee:

M. W. Robert T. Clinch; R. W. B. Lester Peters; R. W. John V. Ellis; R. W. William F. Bunting; W. Henry Duffell, and W. T. Nisbet Robertson.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., and

Resolved, That a Library Committee be appointed.

Whereupon, R. W. Brother Robert Marshall, R. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, and W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., were appointed such committee.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That the thanks of grand lodge be accorded the committee on credentials for the very careful and efficient manner in which they have performed the onerous duties entrusted to them.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That at each annual communication of grand lodge, the M. W. the Grand Master shall appoint a Ritual Committee and a Library Committee.

All business having been disposed of, grand lodge was closed in *ample* form, and with solemn prayer.

Wm. F. Bunting
Grand Secy:

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1874.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended and excluded	Died.	Total Members.
1	Albion,	4	5	5	4	....	1	....	2	174
2	Saint John's,	12	10	11	3	....	6	7	1	130
3	Hibernia,	3	5	5	1	....	2	....	2	142
4	Sussex,*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	23
5	Saint Mark's,	3	6	8	5	....	1	12	..	73
6	Solomon's,	6	6	5	....	....	14	....	..	71
7	Sussex,	10	9	9	4	....	3	19	1	87
8	Carleton Union,	6	6	4	1	....	3	....	2	131
9	Midian,	3	4	5	....	....	....	....	..	29
10	Union of Portland,	22	18	15	....	....	1	....	3	187
11	Woodstock,	10	9	11	3	....	....	....	1	76
12	Saint George,	11	11	10	3	1	....	....	3	119
13	Corinthian,	1	1	....	....	....	1	2	1	28
14	Alley,	2	5	5	....	....	1	8	1	53
15	Howard,	5	3	4	....	....	....	....	..	58
16	Saint Andrew,	3	3	6	....	....	1	....	..	64
17	Northumberland,	7	6	6	1	....	2	....	1	78
18	Miramichi,	3	3	3	....	1	1	....	3	62
19	Leinster,	7	9	12	2	....	....	5	1	79
20	Salisbury,	3	1	2	2	1	....	1	..	38
21	Zion,	6	3	4	2	....	1	....	1	48
22	New Brunswick,	4	6	8	1	....	2	....	..	90
23	Keith,	6	5	7	1	....	....	....	2	54
24	Zetland,	2	1	2	1	....	2	....	..	34
25	Restigouche,	3	5	5	....	....	6	....	..	61
26	Victoria,	6	6	6	1	....	1	....	1	68
27	Saint John,	....	2	4	....	....	3	....	2	39
28	Lebanon,	1	2	2	....	....	2	2	..	21
29	Saint Andrew's,	5	5	6	1	....	....	1	1	51
30	Saint Martin's,	7	6	5	3	....	....	....	1	38
	Total,	161	161	175	39	3	54	57	30	2209

* No return from this lodge.

OGES

Died.	Total Members.
2	174
1	130
2	142
..	23
..	73
..	71
1	87
2	131
..	29
3	187
1	76
3	119
1	28
1	53
..	58
..	64
1	78
3	62
1	79
..	38
1	48
..	90
2	54
..	34
..	61
1	68
2	39
..	21
1	51
1	38
30	2209

In Memory of

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

William P. Flewelling,

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,

WHO DIED AT CLIFTON, KING'S COUNTY,

the 26th day of March, A. D. 1875,

AGED 60 YEARS.

"A man of large human sympathies and kind heart."

—*Grand Master's Address.*

List of Sister Grand Lodges, with the Names and Addresses of Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
British Columbia,	Coote M. Chambers,	Victoria, V. I.
California,	Alexander G. Abell,	San Francisco.
Canada,	John J. Mason,	Hamilton.
Colorada,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Georgetown.
Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Delaware,	William S. Hayes,	Wilmington
District of Columbia,	William A. Yates,	Washington.
England,	John Hervey,	London.
Florida,	DeWitt C. Dawkins,	Jacksonville.
France,	F. Thevenot,	Paris.
Georgia,	J. Emmett Blackshear,	Macon.
Idaho,	Joseph Pinkham,	Boise City.
Illinois,	John F. Burrill,	Springfield.
Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Theodore S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Ireland,	Samuel B. Oldham,	Dublin.
Kansas,	John H. Brown,	Leavenworth.
Kentucky,	J. M. S. McCorkle,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	James C. Batchelor,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Manitoba,	John H. Bell,	Winnipeg.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
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Michigan,	Foster Pratt,	Kalamazoo.
Minnesota,	Edwin D. B. Porter,	Saint Paul.
Mississippi,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Montana,	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.
Nebraska,	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.

Nevada,	Samuel W. Chubbuck,	Gold Hill.
New Hampshire,	John A. Harris,	Concord.
New Jersey,	Joseph H. Hougl	Trenton.
New York,	James M. Austin,	New York.
North Carolina,	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia,	Benjamin Curren,	Halifax.
Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Oregon,	R. P. Earhart,	Salem.
Pennsylvania,	John Thomson,	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island,	B. Wilson Higgs,	Charlottetown.
Quebec,	John H. Isaacson,	Montreal.
Rhode Island,	Edwin Baker,	Providence.
Scotland,	John Lawrie,	Edinburgh.
South Carolina,	Charles Inglesby,	Charleston.
Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Texas,	George H. Bringhr	Houston.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl	lt Lake City.
Vermont,	Henry Clark,	Rutland.
Virginia,	John Dove,	Richmond.
Washington,	Thomas M. Reed,	Olympia.
West Virginia,	Odell S. Long,	Wheeling.
Wisconsin,	John W. Woodhull,	Milwaukee.
Wyoming,	John K. Jeffrey,	Cheyenne.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in Sister Grand Lodges.

Canada,	Aldis Bernard,	Montreal.
England,	Brackstone Baker,	London.
Iowa,	Rev. W. W. Estabrooks,	———
Louisiana,	Edwin Marks,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Denison E. Seymour,	Calais.
Manitoba,	Geo. F. Newcomb,	Winnipeg.
Michigan,	D. Burnham Tracy,	Detroit.

Minnesota,	James N. Castle,	Stillwater.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Nebraska,	Edwin A. Allen,	Omaha.
New Jersey,	Daniel B. Bruen	Newark.
Nova Scotia,	William Taylor,	Halifax.
Quebec,	Henry M. Alexander,	Montreal.
Scotland,	Alexander Hay,	Edinburgh.
Tennessee,	George S. Blackie,	Nashville.
Texas,	James F. Miller,	Gonzales.
Utah,	Christopher Diehl,	Salt Lake City.

Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges in the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Canada,	John V. Ellis,	Carleton.
England,	Robert T. Clinch,	Saint John.
Florida,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Iowa,	Robert Marshall,	Saint John.
Louisiana,	Edwin J. Wetmore,	Carleton.
Maine,	David Brown,	Saint Stephen.
Manitoba,	William F. Dibblee,	Woodstock.
Michigan,	Benj. R. Stevenson,	Saint Andrew's.
Minnesota,	Charles Ketchum,	St. John.
Missouri,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Nebraska,	William Wedderburn,	Hampton.
New Jersey,	Robert R. Call,	Newcastle.
Nova Scotia,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Prince Edward Island,	G. Hudson Flewelling,	Clifton.
Quebec,	Edward Willis,	Saint John.
Scotland,	Robert Gowan,	Fredericton.
Tennessee,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Texas,	David R. Munro,	Portland.
Utah,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
Wyoming,	David Main,	Saint Stephen.

CONSTITUTION

AND

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE

OF THE

ANTIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

TITLE.

THE style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "THE GRAND LODGE OF THE ANTIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK."

HOW CONSTITUTED.

1. The grand lodge shall consist of the elective and appointed officers (excepting the grand tyler) with all past grand officers except past grand tylers, continuing to subscribe to a lodge; the masters and wardens of all private lodges (duly returned), and all past masters (duly returned) being members of a private lodge; provided that no brother shall rank as a past grand officer, unless at the time of holding office in grand lodge, he was either a master or past master of some lodge.

2. Should neither the worshipful master, nor the wardens of a lodge attend any communication of grand lodge, such lodge by its vote, properly certified by the worshipful master and secretary, and under seal, may delegate any master or past master, entitled to a seat in grand lodge, to represent their lodge, but no proxy shall be

valid unless the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy, previous to its being signed by the worshipful master and secretary of the lodge; and no brother can represent by proxy more than one lodge. A duplicate of such written proxy shall be delivered to the grand secretary before the communication of the grand lodge.

OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the grand lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

2. The grand master, or presiding officer, at the annual communication, shall appoint three scrutineers, whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for grand officers, from the brethren to whom they have been delivered. The scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot, and having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates, they shall present their reports to grand lodge.

3. Every election of officers shall be by nomination in open grand lodge, and where no opposing candidate is nominated, the election shall proceed by shew of hands; and in case a ballot is taken, every ballot cast for a brother not in nomination shall be destroyed uncounted.

4. The election and appointment of all officers of grand lodge, shall take place at the annual communication, when those present shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in antient form. As soon after the opening of the annual communication as conveniently may be, grand lodge shall, by a majority vote, determine the hour at which the election and installation of officers shall be commenced; at which time grand lodge shall proceed with the election or installation as the case may be, such order of proceeding taking precedence of all other business before grand lodge.

5. The officers of grand lodge shall consist of

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
" Right " Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Senior Grand Warden.
" " " Junior Grand Warden.
" Very " Grand Chaplain.
" " " " Treasurer.
" " " " Secretary.
" " Deacons.
" " Director of Ceremonies.
" Assis't " Director of Ceremonies.
" " Sword Bearer.
" " Standard Bearer.
" " Organist.
" " Pursuivant.
" Stewards of the year.
" Tyler.

6. The following officers of the Grand Lodge shall be *elected* by written ballot:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
" Right " Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Senior Grand Warden.
" " " Junior Grand Warden.
" Very " Grand Chaplain.
" " " " Treasurer.
" Tyler.

7. The following officers shall be *appointed* by the Grand Master, viz.:

Very Worshipful Grand Secretary.
" " Deacons.
" " Director and Assistant Director of
" " Sword Bearer. [Ceremonies.
" " Standard Bearer.
" " Organist.

Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.
" " Stewards.

8. The rank of officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

M. W. Grand Master.
R. W. Past Grand Masters according to seniority.
" Deputy Grand Master.
" Past " " Masters.
" Senior " Warden.
" Past " " Wardens.
" Junior " Warden.
" Past " " Wardens.
V. W. Grand Chaplain.
" Past " Chaplains.
" " Treasurer.
" Past " Treasurers.
" " Secretary.
" Past " Secretaries.
W. Senior Grand Deacon.
" Past " " Deacons.
" Junior " Deacon.
" Past " " Deacons.
" Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Past " Directors of Ceremonies.
" Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Past " " Directors of Ceremonies.
" " Sword Bearer.
" Past " " Bearers.
" " Standard Bearer.
" Past " " Bearers.
" " Organist.
" Past " Organists.
" " Pursuivant.
" Past " Pursuivants.
Grand Stewards of the year.

And the masters, past masters, and present wardens of private lodges, in the order of the number of their respective lodge warrants.

9. The elective officers respectively are to be chosen by written ballot by a majority of all the votes present. In case of a third ballot, the candidate having the fewest votes shall not be in nomination, and on each succeeding ballot the lowest candidate shall be dropped until an election is had.

10. No brother shall be eligible to any elective office in the grand lodge (except the offices of grand chaplain and grand tyler), unless he shall have been regularly installed worshipful master of a private lodge.

11. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the grand lodge the grand master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place, *pro tempore.*

12. Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the craft, may, by a vote of the grand lodge, duly confirmed, be constituted members of the grand lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

13. No member of the grand lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing, nor shall he be allowed to wear any jewel not recognized by the grand lodge.

14. Should any lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the grand lodge for the year previous to the annual communication, the master, wardens, or other representative of such lodge, shall not be permitted to attend such annual or any subsequent meeting of the grand lodge, until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

15. No brother shall be permitted to attend the grand lodge as master, past master, or warden, until his name and appointment

shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the grand secretary's office.

16. The annual communication of the grand lodge shall be holden in the city of St. John, on the fourth Wednesday in September, in each year. None but members of the grand lodge shall be present at the communications, without permission of the grand master or presiding officer.

17. The grand master, or in his absence from the province, the deputy grand master, or in his like absence, the grand wardens, may summon and hold a grand lodge of emergency, at such time and place as in his or their opinion, the good of the craft shall require, and the particular reason for convening such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

18. If at any grand lodge, annual or emergent, the grand master be absent, the lodge shall be ruled by the grand officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; and if no elective grand officer be present, by the master of the senior lodge. And the powers of any *pro tempore* presiding officer, shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him. The grand lodge is declared to be open in *ample form* when the grand master is present; in *due form* when a past grand master or the deputy presides; at all other times only in *form*, yet with the same authority.

19. By the antient constitutions and usages of freemasonry, the grand lodge, as the supreme masonic authority in this province, is invested with certain original, essential and unalterable powers and privileges. Among these is the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the craft, and of altering, repealing and abrogating them, always taking care to preserve the antient landmarks. The grand lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding, all matters relative to the craft, or to particular lodges, or to individual brothers, which

it may exercise by itself, or by delegated authority, and the exclusive power of erasing lodges and expelling members; of establishing and preserving a uniform system of work and lectures; of issuing warrants for new lodges, and of suspending or revoking the same.

Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of Business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening the grand lodge.

   Reading and confirmation of minutes.

   Communications from the grand or deputy grand master.

   Reports from grand secretary and grand treasurer.

   Reports from the board of general purposes, committees, etc.

   Reading and disposing of letters, bills, etc.

   Money grants.

   Deferred business.

   New business.

   Closing the grand lodge.

2. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each lodge having three votes, each past master one vote, each officer of grand lodge, except the grand tyler, not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote by virture of his office, and the grand master a casting vote in case of an equal division; unless the lodge for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the grand master. Where any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members

are always to be signified by each holding up his right hand, which uplifted hands the grand wardens or grand deacons are to count, unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

3. All members shall keep their seats except the grand deacons, grand director of ceremonies and his assistant, and the grand stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place, in the discharge of their duties.

4. No brother shall speak more than once to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply, without permission from the chair.

5. Every one who speaks shall rise, and remain standing, addressing himself to the grand master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the grand master to order, or the grand master shall think fit to call him to order; but after he has been set right, he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum.

6. No notice shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of the grand lodge, or for adding a new rule, regulation or law without notice in writing, stating in full the amendment or addition proposed, having been given to the grand secretary at least one month before the time appointed for holding the communication at which it is to be submitted to the grand lodge; and no alteration or addition shall be made unless by consent of a majority of the members present.

7. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing, if the presiding officer or any brother desire it.

8. It shall be competent for a member of the grand lodge to move a motion, an amendment, or an amendment to an amendment; but an amendment to amend an amendment, shall not be entertained.

OF THE GRAND MASTER.

1. The grand master, and the elective grand officers, shall be elected by ballot, at the annual communication.

2. The grand master shall be installed and invested immediately after his election, according to the antient usage. He shall then appoint such grand officers as come within his prerogative to appoint, who, together with the grand officers elect, shall, if present, be thereupon installed or invested in antient form.

3. In the temporary absence of the grand master from the province, notified by him to the grand secretary, the deputy grand master shall possess all the powers of the grand master; and should the grand master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof, by sickness, permanent absence from the province, or otherwise, the deputy grand master shall forthwith assume the functions of grand master until the next annual election; and should the deputy grand master die previous to such election, the grand wardens shall immediately summon a grand lodge to elect a grand master.

4. Should the grand master deem it desirable, he may, by warrant, appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent grand lodge in any sister grand lodge with which this grand lodge is in fraternal communication, and report such appointment to grand lodge at the earliest opportunity, He may also, with the concurrence of the grand lodge, constitute any distinguished brother, who may be regularly depated from a sister grand lodge, a member of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, with such rank as the grand lodge may deem to be appropriate.

5. The grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge, and order any of his grand officers to attend him. His deputy is to be placed on his right, and the master of the lodge on his left hand. His wardens are also to act as wardens of that particular lodge during his presence; but if the grand wardens be not pre-

sent, then the grand master may command the wardens of the lodge, or any master masons, to act as his wardens, *pro tempore.*

6. The grand master may send his grand officers to visit any lodge he may think proper.

7. The grand master may summon any lodge or brother to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons; if such last summons be not attended to, such lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the grand lodge.

8. The grand master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning masons or masonry, but through the grand secretary.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. This officer is to be elected at the annual communication of the grand lodge. If present, he shall be immediately installed, according to antient usage. In the absence of the grand master, as hereinbefore provided, the deputy possesses all his powers and privileges.

2. The deputy grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge with the master of the lodge on his right hand. The grand wardens, if present, are to act as wardens of that lodge during his presence.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

1. The grand wardens shall be elected and, if present, invested at the annual communication.

2. When the actual grand wardens are in grand lodge, no others can supply their places; but in their absence, the senior past grand wardens present shall act *pro tempore.* If no past grand warden be

present, the grand master may direct any other member of grand lodge to act as grand warden for that occasion.

3. The grand wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the grand master, and while he presides in any particular lodge, are to act there as his wardens.

OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The grand chaplain shall be elected and, if present, invested at the annual communication, and shall attend all communications and other meetings of the grand lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the fraternity.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

1. The grand treasurer shall be elected and, if present, invested at the annual communication.

2. The grand treasurer shall give bonds, with two sureties, to the M. W. the grand master, himself for two thousand dollars, and the sureties in one thousand dollars each, to the satisfaction of the grand master, for the due performance of his trust; and shall renew or alter the same, and provide other sureties therein, whenever and as often as he shall be required so to do, by the grand master or the grand lodge, or the board of general purposes.

3. To the grand treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other use of the fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall disburse the same in such manner as the grand lodge or other proper authority shall direct, and submit an account of his receipts and disbursements to the board of general purposes, at least fourteen days before every regular communication of grand lodge, and also, whenever and as often as he shall be called upon so to do; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the said board, who shall make their report thereon at the annual communication.

OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

1. The grand secretary shall be appointed and, if present, invested at the annual communication.

2. The grand secretary shall sign and certify all instruments from the grand lodge, under seal or otherwise; issue summonses for all meetings of the grand lodge, board of general purposes, and of any committee of which he shall be directed by the grand master or grand lodge, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several lodges, and enter them in the books of the grand lodge, and duly report the same at each annual communication of the grand lodge; to transmit to all lodges the proceedings of every communication or other meeting of grand lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the grand master, the grand lodge, or board of general purposes; to notify all lodges annually, of all expelled, restored, suspended or excluded members for the year; to furnish the board of general purposes or other constituted authority, all proper documents and information that they may require; to receive all petitions, memorials, etc., and to lay them before the grand master, or other proper authority; to attend the grand master or board of general purposes, and to take to him or them any books or papers he or they may direct; to conduct the correspondence of the grand lodge; to receive, credit and record all moneys of the grand lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the grand treasurer; to take the custody of the grand lodge seal, and affix it to all warrants, certificates, and other proper papers, by order of the grand master, and annually report the amount received, and generally to do all such things as heretofore have been, or should be done, by a grand secretary.

3. The grand secretary shall also submit at each annual communication, a general report on the state of the craft under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge; with as full and particular account as possible of the membership, funds, properties, annual work and efficiency of each lodge in the province.

4. The grand secretary shall be paid a salary for his services, out of the fund of general purposes. He shall open, and keep open, an office, to be styled "The Office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," and shall inform all the lodges in the province where the said office is located; and in case of its removal, to where it has been removed.

OF GRAND DEACONS.

The grand deacons shall be appointed and, if present, installed at the annual communication. If they are absent at any communication, the grand master or presiding officer may appoint any members of grand lodge to officiate *pro tempore.*

OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, GRAND SWORD BEARER, GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND PURSUIVANT, GRAND STEWARDS, GRAND STANDARD BEARER, AND GRAND TYLER.

1. The grand director of ceremonies, assistant grand director of ceremonies, sword bearer, organist, and pursuivant, stewards, and standard bearer, are to be appointed annually by the grand master, on the day of his installation. They are to attend all communications and other meetings of the grand lodge.

2. *The grand director of ceremonies and assistant grand director of ceremonies*, in addition to their other duties, have the care, during the session of grand lodge, of the regalia, clothing, insignia and jewels belonging to the grand lodge.

3. *The grand sword bearer* [illegible] carry the grand master's sword of state on all proper occasi[illegible] and perform such other duties as may be required of him, pertaining to his office.

4. The grand pursuivant shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of the grand lodge, and, with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none except those who are qualified, and who have their proper clothing and

jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are, in all respects, entitled to admission, be admitted.

5. The grand master may appoint not more than twelve *grand stewards*, annually, for the regulation of grand festivals, under the direction of the grand master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications and other meetings of the grand lodge.

6. *A grand standard bearer* shall be appointed by the grand master at the annual communication. He must be a master mason, and shall carry the standard of the grand lodge.

7. *The grand organist* shall be a master mason, and be appointed and invested at the annual communication, and shall conduct the musical ceremonies of the lodge, under the direction of the grand master or presiding officer.

8. *The grand tyler* is to attend all meetings of the grand lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

9. If any grand tyler shall officiate, or attend at any meeting or pretending lodge of masons not being regularly constituted or not acknowledging the authority of the grand master, or not conforming to the laws of the grand lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a tyler or attendant on a lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Officers of the grand lodge shall be installed and invested in person, and no installation or investiture of an officer by proxy shall be permitted.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

1. The board shall consist of the grand master, past grand masters entitled to seats in grand lodge, the deputy grand master

(who shall be ex-officio president), the grand wardens, grand secretary, and ten other members, to be appointed at the annual meeting of grand lodge by the grand master.

The board shall elect one of its members to be vice-president. Should the president and vice-president be absent from any meeting of the board, the members shall elect a chairman *pro tempore*. The presiding officer shall have a casting vote, in case of a tie, in addition to his vote as member.

3. Should any vacancy occur among the appointed members of the board, by death, or otherwise, the grand master shall immediately appoint a qualified brother to fill the vacancy; and the grand secretary shall inform the board at its next meeting of the brother so appointed.

4. The grand secretary shall act as secretary of the board and keep a full record of its proceedings and transactions.

5. Five members of the board shall make a quorum for the transaction of any business.

6. The board has full power to regulate its own time and place of meeting.

7. It has also authority to hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individual masons, when regularly brought before it. It may proceed to admonition, fine or suspension, subject to the approval of the grand master and an appeal to the grand lodge. Should an appeal be made, notice must be given in writing to the grand secretary within one month after the decision of the board. The board can not expel a member or erase a lodge, but it may, if it deem such extreme punishment advisable, recommend the same to the grand lodge.

8. The board may summon any lodge or brother to attend it, and to produce the warrant, books, papers, and accounts of the

lodge or the certificate of the brother. If such lodge or brother do not comply, or give sufficient reasons for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the lodge or brother shall be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the grand lodge.

9. In case of any charge affecting a member of the board, or a lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the board considers its decision.

10. The board shall always have access to any of the papers, books or documents of the grand lodge. It shall examine accounts against the grand lodge, and, if found correct, may order their payment.

11. The board may recommend to the grand lodge for its adoption whatever measures it shall deem advantageous or necessary to the welfare and good government of the craft.

12. The board shall be a general committee, to which shall be submitted all matters referred by grand lodge to a committee, except in cases where a special committee is appointed. It is to assist and advise with the grand master in reference to the good government of the craft; it may appoint sub-committees of its own body for foreign correspondence, or for specified purposes, but such committees must always report to the board.

13. The board shall, previous to the annual meeting of grand lodge, appoint three masters or past masters of lodges as a committee on credentials, who shall attend within the porch of the grand lodge for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the grand pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

1. The charity fund of this grand lodge shall be known as "The Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick," and shall consist of such donations as may be given towards it; together with such other amounts as may, from time to time, be received on account of said fund.

2. The fund of benevolence shall be held in the name of the grand lodge, and shall be under the control and direction of the board of general purposes.

3. This fund shall be appropriated exclusively for the relief of such poor and distressed brethren, and the widows and orphans of deceased brethren, as may be deemed worthy of assistance; provided always, that such brethren, or such deceased brethren, at the time of their decease, were registered and in good standing on the roll of the grand lodge of New Brunswick.

PRIVATE LODGES.

1. The officers of a lodge are the master and his two wardens, a chaplain, a treasurer, a secretary, two deacons, two stewards, director of ceremonies, inner guard and tyler, who shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed and installed.

2. Every lodge shall, annually, at the regular communication immediately preceding the 27th December, the festival of Saint John the Evangelist, elect its master and treasurer by written ballot, such master having first served as warden of a warranted lodge for at least one year. At the next regular meeting following his election, after the minutes shall have been read and approved, he shall be installed according to antient usage; he shall then appoint the other officers and install them and the treasurer into office.

3. A lodge, by its by-laws, may provide that the festival day of Saint John the Evangelist shall be a regular communication for the purpose of installing officers.

4. Every election of officers shall be by nomination in open lodge, and where no opposing candidate is nominated, the election shall proceed by shew of hands; and in case a ballot is taken, every ballot cast for a brother not in nomination shall be destroyed uncounted.

5. Officers shall be installed in person, and no installation of an officer by proxy shall be permitted. If the officer elect or appointed be not present, he shall be installed at the first regular communication of the lodge at which he is present; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to attend for installation, for two regular communications after his election or appointment, the lodge may, by a majority vote, declare his election or appointment void and revoked, and another shall be elected or appointed in his stead, who shall be installed into office in due form.

6. Every brother of the rank of past master who shall remove into the province of New Brunswick, and shall become a regular contributing member of any lodge therein, shall retain his rank, as a past master, and as such be entitled to membership in grand lodge.

7. Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulations of the grand lodge. Two copies of the by-laws must be submitted to the grand secretary for the approbation of the grand master; and, when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

8. The by-laws of the lodge shall be delivered to the master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his mastership. Every brother

shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them, and every member shall, at all reasonable times, have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the lodge and delivered to the members.

9. The master of every lodge is to cause the antient charges, the regulations of the grand lodge relating to private lodges, and the by-laws of his lodge, to be read in open lodge once every year.

10. The master is responsible that a book or books be kept, in which the secretary shall enter the names of the members of the lodge, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising; and also their ages, as nearly as possible, at that time, and their titles, professions, or trades, together with such transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written.

11. The place and regular days of meeting of the lodge shall be specified in the by-laws, and no meeting of the lodge shall be held elsewhere, except a removal be decided upon in conformity with the laws and with the consent of the grand master.

12. Every lodge, when removed to a new place of meeting, or whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the grand secretary. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge until the removal be properly notified.

13. A lodge of emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the master, or, in his absence, of the senior warden, or, in their absence, of the junior warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The business to be transacted at such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon.

14. Every lodge shall keep a book, in which all visitors attending shall, at each meeting, sign their names before entering the lodge,

with their masonic rank and the name of their mother lodge, or the lodge from which they hail.

15. The precedency of lodges is derived from the number of their warrant of constitution, as recorded in the books of the grand lodge. No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into the grand lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

16. No lodge shall, on any pretence, make more than five new brothers in one day, unless by dispensation, in which case the number of persons shall be set out in the dispensation; nor until they have been balloted for and approved; nor can a rejected applicant for initiation in the province be balloted for in the same or any other lodge within six months from the time of such rejection; nor shall a higher degree in masonry be conferred on any brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, except by dispensation from the grand master, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open lodge in such previous degree. An interval of not less than seven days shall, in all cases, elapse between the times respectively of conferring the degrees on a brother.

17. No lodge in the city and county of Saint John shall make a mason for a less consideration than twenty dollars, and no lodge outside of the county shall make a mason for a less sum than sixteen dollars, nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated, provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the grand master be first obtained.

18. Every candidate initiated in a lodge shall become a member thereof from the date of his initiation, and is liable for the regular lodge dues. He shall immediately sign the by-laws.

19. No mason can be a member of more than one lodge at the same time, except that he may be elected an honorary member of another lodge or lodges, as hereinafter provided in this constitution.

20. Every lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren initiated therein, and also in making the returns of its members, as no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least two years a contributing member of a lodge.

21. To prevent injury to individuals, by their being excluded the privileges of masonry through the neglect of their lodges in not registering their names, any brother so circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof to the grand secretary that he has paid the full fees to his lodge, shall be capable of enjoying the full privileges of the craft. But the offending lodge shall be reported to the grand lodge and rigorously proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return and detaining moneys which are the property of the grand lodge, and which had been paid to the lodge for specific appropriation.

22. The master shall see that all moneys received or paid on account of the lodge are entered in proper books by the secretary and treasurer. The accounts of the lodge shall be audited at least once in every year by a committee appointed by the lodge.

23. Each lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a grand lodge certificate, to be paid for by the lodge.

24. No lodge or officer, or member of a lodge, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation, to enable a mason to proceed from lodge to lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to lodges or individual brethren for relief.

25. No lodge shall form any public masonic procession, or attend in masonic clothing any public or private gathering which is not

permitted by the constitutions, without a dispensation from the grand master.

26. Every lodge has the power of suspending or excluding a member for unmasonic conduct, or for non-payment of dues; but no lodge shall suspend or exclude any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself; when the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given by ballot. The name of every brother suspended or excluded, together with the cause of his suspension or exclusion, shall be sent to the grand secretary and to every lodge in the province.

27. Any member of a lodge absent from the province of New Brunswick, and in arrears for dues for the term of two years, or upwards, may, by a vote of the lodge, be considered as having withdrawn therefrom.

28. A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the lodge without a fresh ballot, on application to the lodge and payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular lodge dues for the period he was so suspended, and notice of his restoration shall be forthwith given to the grand secretary and to every lodge in the province.

29. In case of the reinstatement of a member suspended for non-payment of dues, the lodge reinstating him shall pay all arrears of dues to the grand lodge for the brother restored.

30. The jewels and furniture of every lodge belong to, and are the property of the master, wardens and brethren of such lodge.

31. All minutes, lists and books of account, belonging to a lodge, must be produced by the master, when he shall be so required by competent authority.

32. The majority of the members of a lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to the master and wardens, or other representative, before the meeting of the grand lodge; because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

33. Each lodge shall annually, immediately after the 27th day of December, make a return to the grand secretary, of the master, wardens and past masters of the lodge, including all members who claim to be entitled to attend in grand lodge as past masters, as having served the office of master in some other lodge, specifying the lodges in which each of such past masters have served the office of master; and no brother shall be permitted to attend in grand lodge unless his name shall appear in some such return.

34. Each lodge shall make its returns and payments annually, immediately after the 27th day of December, to the grand secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year to make such returns and payments, or in case the lodge does not meet during that period, it shall be liable to be erased. Should such returns and payments not be made at least four weeks prior to the annual communication of grand lodge, the master and wardens, or any representatives of such lodge, are thereby disqualified from attending the grand lodge, or sitting upon any committee until those returns and payments have been completed.

35. By a vote of the lodge, the dues of any member in indigent circumstances may be remitted.

36. If a lodge be dissolved, its warrant and records shall forthwith be delivered up to the grand master, or other constituted authority.

37. If the majority of any lodge shall determine to quit the lodge, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members: provided their number be not less than seven, otherwise the warrant ceases and becomes extinct: and all

the authority thereby granted or enjoyed shall revert to the grand lodge, together with the funds and property of said lodge.

38. No lodge shall be erased, or its warrant declared forfeited, until the master, or in his absence, the wardens, shall have been notified in writing, of the offence, and shall have been summoned to answer to the complaint made.

39. If any lodge, by its master and wardens, be summoned to attend, or to produce its warrant, books, papers or accounts, to the grand master, his deputy, or any board, or committee, or person authorized by the grand lodge, and do not comply, nor give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, such lodge may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the grand lodge, which shall have power to declare the warrant forfeited, or otherwise deal with it as a majority shall determine.

40. No member shall, on any pretence, exhibit or expose any representation or similitude of any jewel, or furniture of a lodge, or of any masonic emblem, or device, on any sign-board, show or window blind, business card or advertisement, under pain of reprimand, or suspension by the lodge, or even expulsion, by the grand lodge; and every member is strictly enjoined to report to the lodge to which the offending brother belongs, any brother violating this rule.

41. A lodge offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the grand lodge, the grand master, or the board of general purposes, be subject to admonition or suspension, as before provided.

OF MASTERS AND WARDENS OF LODGES.

1. All preferment among masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; therefore, no brother shall be elected master of a lodge, or appointed to any office therein, merely

on account of seniority or rank. No master elect shall assume the master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may, in the interim, rule the lodge. It shall be necessary, previous to the installation of the master, that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of a master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a master: and on confirmation of that election, at the following ordinary meeting of the lodge, the installation of the master shall follow.

2. Every master, before being placed in the chair, shall, in addition to a full compliance with the prescribed order and ceremonies of installation, solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old-established usages and customs, and to preserve the land-marks of the fraternity, and most strictly to enforce them within his own lodge.

3. The master, wardens and members of a lodge are enjoined to visit other lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among freemasons.

4. The master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts when required by any lawful authority.

5. If the master die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the senior warden, and in the absence of the senior warden, the junior warden shall act as master, in summoning the lodge until the next election of officers.

6. If the master be not present, the immediate past master, or if he be not present, the senior past master of the lodge present shall take the chair. If no past master of the lodge be present, then

the senior warden, or in his absence, the junior warden may rule the lodge, but not confer degrees.

7. A past master of any other lodge may be invited to officiate as master, and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

8. The master and wardens of every lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the grand master, his deputy, the grand lodge, or any board, or committee, or person authorised by the grand lodge; and produce the warrant, minutes and books of the lodge, under pain of suspension, and being reported to the next grand lodge.

9. No warden or other officer of a lodge can resign his office, nor can he be removed, unless for a cause which appears to a majority of the lodge to be sufficient; but if the master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint is well founded, he shall have power to displace such officer, and another must be elected or appointed in his stead.

OF TYLERS.

1. The tyler is to be chosen by ballot by the members of the lodge, and may at any time be removed, for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the lodge, and another elected in his stead.

2. He is to see that every visitor has signed his name to the attendance book before entering the lodge, and that he is provided with proper clothing.

3. If any tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting, or pretended lodge of masons, not being regularly constituted, or not acknowledging the authority of the grand master, or not conforming to the laws of the grand lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever being a tyler or attendant on a lodge, and shall be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTY.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge unless the laws of the craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with. (See "*Proposing Members.*")

2. A brother who has been concerned in making masons clandestinely, or in a lodge which is not a regular lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new lodge without the grand master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member or visitor, into any regular lodge, or partake of the general charity, or other masonic privilege, till he make due submission and obtain grace.

3. No brother shall presume to print, or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any lodge or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such lodge, without the permission of the grand master, under pain of being reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the grand lodge shall determine. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a lodge, or by the authority of the master, or the proceedings of any festive or public meeting at which persons, not masons, are permitted to attend.

4. The majority of the members present at any lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in the minute book of his lodge a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher masonic authority.

5. If any member shall be excluded from his lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it, without having complied with its by-

laws, or with the general regulations of the craft, he shall not be eligible to visit or become a member of any other lodge, until that lodge shall have been made acquainted with his former neglect, so that the brethren may be enabled to exercise their discretion as to his admission. Whenever a member of any lodge shall resign, or shall be excluded, or whenever, at a future time, he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the lodge; and such certificate shall be produced to any other lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

6. All differences between, or complaints of members, that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular lodge, shall be reduced into writing and delivered to the grand secretary, to be submitted to the grand master, who shall refer them to the board of general purposes, or appoint a committee to investigate the same. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case has been investigated, the committee shall report to the grand lodge, which shall have full power to deal therewith as a majority shall determine.

7. A mason offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the grand lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or by the grand lodge only, to expulsion.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

1. A brother who may have rendered any service to the craft in general, or to any particular lodge, may, by a vote of the lodge, be elected an honorary member of such lodge. The lodge must include honorary members in its returns to grand lodge, and pay to the grand lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

2. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting in the lodge unless specially conferred by a vote of the lodge at a

regular meeting—previous notice of intention to confer the right, and the name, residence and addition of the brother in whose case the vote is to be had, having been first stated in the usual summons.

3. No brother shall be admitted an honorary member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is, or was last, a member, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting.

PROPOSING MEMBERS.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge without a regular proposition in open lodge, nor until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is, or was last, a member, or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular lodge meeting; at which meeting the brother's grand lodge certificate, and also the certificate of his former lodge, are to be produced, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. When a lodge has ceased to meet, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another lodge, on producing a certificate from the grand secretary, stating the fact and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his quarterage duly paid.

2. Except in cases of seafaring men,* no person shall be made a mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he seeks admission, or shall produce a certificate of character from the nearest lodge to the place of his previous residence; nor until he has been properly proposed at one regular meeting of the lodge, and a committee has been appointed by the worshipful master to make the necessary enquiries into the charac

* The term *seafaring men* does not extend or apply to persons employed in vessels known as coasters, or in any vessels trading or plying between ports on the Atlantic seaboard of North America.

ter of the candidate; nor until his name, age, addition or profession, and place of abode, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular meeting, when, after the committee have reported to the lodge, he must be balloted for, and if approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry.

3. No lodge shall initiate a candidate, whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another lodge, without the consent of that lodge. If the lodge, whose permission is asked, consents thereto, it must be by resolution, and in writing, the members thereof having been previously notified of the application. Should such lodge refuse to give its consent, application may be made to the grand master, who may grant a dispensation. The jurisdiction of each lodge extends in every direction, half-way to the nearest lodge, except in a city or town where there are two or more lodges, in which case each lodge has concurrent jurisdiction.

4. In case of emergency, the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed. Any two members of a lodge may transmit, in writing, to the master, the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a notice to every member, appoint a committee as before provided, and at the same time summon the lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from the issuing of the summons for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry. The master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition, and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the minute book of the lodge.

5. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall be made a mason in any lodge, and every candidate must be a free man, and, at the time of initiation, be known to be in reputable circumstances. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some progress in one or other of them; and he must

the time of his application, subscribe his name at full length to a declaration as follows:

To the worshipful master, wardens and brethren of ——— Lodge, No. ——, ———, New Brunswick.

I, ——— ———, of the ——— of ———, in the county of ———, aged ——— years, by occupation ———, being a free man and of mature age, do declare that unbiased by the improper solicitations of friends and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of masonry; that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution and a desire of knowledge, and that I will cheerfully conform to all the antient usages and established customs of the fraternity, and I do also declare that I have made —— application for admission into another lodge.

Witness my hand this —— day of ——, A. L. 58——.

Recommended by } (Sig.)

This declaration shall be read in open lodge and handed to the committee of investigation, who shall append their report thereon.

6. Any person who cannot write shall be ineligible to be admitted to the fraternity, and a petition having been received by a lodge cannot be withdrawn; and no person shall be made a mason, or admitted a member of a lodge, if, on ballot, three black balls appear against him, nor shall less than three black balls reject a candidate.

7. A ballot may be reconsidered once, by order of the worshipful master or a vote of the lodge. The ballot on the reconsideration must be taken before the lodge shall have proceeded to other business than balloting for candidates.

8. Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the constitution, and to conform to all the usages and

regulations of the craft, and shall sign the by-laws of the lodge, a copy of which, together with a copy of the constitution of grand lodge, shall then be presented to him.

9. When an applicant who has been rejected in one lodge in this jurisdiction shall, after the expiration of six months, make application to another lodge for admission to the fraternity, the application may be received, but no ballot shall be taken thereon until the former lodge shall have been notified and shall have given its consent by resolution, certified by the master and secretary. The members of the lodge whose consent is asked must, previous to any action thereon, be notified of such application.

10. A rejected candidate cannot be balloted for in the same, or any other lodge, within six months from the time of his rejection.

OF THE LODGE SEAL.

1. Every lodge shall have a masonic seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued, and which shall be in the custody of the secretary, under the direction of the worshipful master.

2. An impression of the seal shall be sent to the grand secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

1. No general lodge of instruction shall be holden unless under the sanction of a regular warranted lodge, or by the special license and authority of the grand master. The lodge giving its sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such lodge of instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of grand lodge.

2. Notice of the times and places of meeting of the lodges of instruction shall be given to the grand secretary.

3. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of all brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the grand master, or lodge granting the sanction.

4. If a lodge which has given its sanction for a lodge of instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the lodge to be communicated to the lodge of instruction; provided that notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

OF VISITORS.

1. No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally recommended; or well vouched for; or after due examination by one or more of the brethren present, and shall have entered his name, masonic rank, the name and number of his mother lodge, or the lodge he hails from, in a book to be kept by every lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the lodge, he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The master of the lodge is particulary bound to enforce these regulations.

2. No brother residing in the province, and not affiliated with some lodge, shall be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund for himself or family, nor to masonic burial, nor to take part in any masonic ceremony, public or private, nor to be entitled to any masonic privilege whatever, nor can he be permited to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the craft.

OF CERTIFICATES.

1. Every brother shall be entitled to a grand lodge certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of the grand lodge, for which certificate the lodge shall pay one dollar. Each lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the masons which it has initiated, shall, in addition to the register fee, make a remittance of the money for the certificates.

2. Every brother to whom a grand lodge certificate is granted, must sign his name on the margin thereof, or it will not be valid.

3. No brother shall obtain a grand lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the grand master.

4. Every return or other document upon which a grand lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

5. All applications for grand lodge certificates must be made to the grand secretary; and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered, the money, payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate shall, on any account, be issued until such money has been paid.

6. No lodge shall grant a private lodge certificate to a brother, except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a grand lodge certificate, in which case such certificate shall be specifically addressed to the grand secretary, and except also such certificates as may be required by the laws of the grand lodge, or called for by any of its committees, or issued to a member on retirement or exclusion from a lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing; and no lodge shall charge for a private lodge certificate.

7. Any brother who may have lost his certificate shall be furnished with a duplicate thereof at a cost of one dollar, by the grand secretary, upon a properly certified application by the master or secretary of his lodge.

PUBLIC AND FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.

1. No mason can be interred with the formalities of the fraternity unless it be at his own request, nor unless he has been advanced

to the degree of master mason. When the wish of the deceased shall have been communicated to the master of the lodge of which he died a member, the master shall apply to the grand master for a dispensation.

2. When a master mason from beyond the province of New Brunswick shall die within the jurisdiction of grand lodge, the provisions of the constitution relating to deceased members of lodges in New Brunswick shall apply as far as practicable; and any master of a lodge may take the direction of the funeral, and conduct the same in all things as provided for resident brethren deceased.

3. No public procession of masons shall be allowed without permission of the grand master. In case of a masonic funeral, when the urgency of the case will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with the grand master, the worshipful master, or in his absence, the brother ruling the lodge, shall authorize and hold such masonic funeral procession, and shall see that all things are conducted thereat decently and in order according to the constitution, and he shall, immediately after the service, report his proceedings in full to the grand master through the grand secretary.

4. In case of a masonic funeral, the master may invite the members of other lodges to attend, but the whole ceremony shall be under the direction of the master of the lodge to which the deceased brother belonged, or, in case of a stranger brother, the master of the lodge which assumes the control of the proceedings; and he is accountable for the regularity and conduct of the ceremonies. If the grand master or deputy grand master be present, he may at any time take charge.

5. If any brother shall attend as a mason, clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the craft, at any public procession, except a masonic funeral, or at any public or private gathering not authorized by the constitution, without the permission of the grand master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a lodge, and also be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

And if any lodge shall so offend, it shall stand suspended until the grand lodge shall determine thereon.

OF APPEAL.

1. As the grand lodge, when congregated, is a representative of every individual member of the fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the craft. Any lodge or brother, therefore, who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other masonic authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the grand lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the grand secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

2. Notice of all appeals must be given in writing to the grand secretary within one month from the receipt of the decision appealed against, in proper and respectful language.

FEES.

The following shall be the fees payable to the grand lodge :

For granting a new warrant, twenty-five dollars.
" " dispensation for a new lodge, fifteen dollars.
" " warrant of confirmation, ten dollars.
" " new warrant in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified, ten dollars.
For dispensation to confer a degree in less time than one month, one dollar and fifty cents.
For dispensation to initiate a person from beyond the jurisdiction of a lodge, five dollars.
For a dispensation for a public procession, except in case of a funeral (for which there shall be no charge) two dollars.
For a dispensation to make more than five masons in one evening one dollar and fifty cents for each candidate.

For a grand lodge certificate, one dollar.

For every person initiated in a lodge, two dollars, to include registration fee and certificate.

For every entered apprentice or fellow-craft joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar.

For every master mason joining from another lodge or re-joining his former lodge, fifty cents.

For every master mason joining from without the jurisdiction, one dollar.

For any dispensation not provided for in this table, one dollar and fifty cents.

For every member, each lodge shall pay toward the fund for grand lodge purposes forty cents per annum.

OF REGALIA.

1. The following masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the craft, and that only; and no brother shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the grand lodge, or any subordinate lodge, without his proper clothing.

2. No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the grand lodge, or any subordinate lodge, which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with, those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the grand lodge.

The grand master.....The compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle also irradiated.

Past grand masters.....A similar jewel without the gold plate.

Deputy grand master.....The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.

Past deputy grand masters.....The compasses and square only.
Senior grand warden.....The level.
Junior grand warden.....The plumb.
Grand chaplain.....A book within a triangle.
Grand treasurer.....A chased key.
Grand secretary.....Cross-pens with a tie.
Grand deacons.....Dove and olive-branch.
Grand directors of ceremonies..Cross-rods.
Grand sword bearer.....Cross swords.
Grand organist.....A lyre.
Grand pursuivant.....Arms of the grand lodge with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the grand chaplain, treasurer, secretary, deacons, directors of ceremonies, sword bearer, organist and pursuivant, are to be within a circle, with an embossed wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

The jewel of a grand steward of the grand lodge is a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle, on which is engraven, "Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

Grand Tyler.....The sword in a circle, on which is engraven, "The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick: Grand Tyler."

All the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

Masters of lodges.....The square.
Past masters.....The square and the diagram of the 47th prob. 1st book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.
Senior warden.....The level.
Junior warden.....The plumb.
Chaplain.....A book on a triangle.

Treasurer.....The key.
Secretary.....The cross pens.
Deacons.....The dove.
Director of ceremonies.....The cross rods.
Organist.....The lyre.
Inner guard.....The cross swords.
Stewards.....The cornucopia.
Tyler.....The sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

COLLARS.

Of lodges.....To be light-blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light-blue ribbon.

Of the grand lodge.....To be of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad and bound with gold lace.

The grand stewards of the year to wear collars of crimson four inches broad, bound with silver lace.

All past grand officers, except past grand masters (who are entitled to wear chains), to wear the collars of their late offices, but without the pendant jewel—a similar but smaller jewel in enamel being worn on the breast.

APRONS.

Entered apprentice.—A plain white lamb-skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep: square at bottom and without ornament: white strings.

Fellow craft.—A plain white lamb-skin similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master mason.—The same with sky-blue lining, and edging one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

The masters and past masters of lodges.—To wear, in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the master's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron, or of silver. If grand officers, similar emblems of garter blue or gold.

Grand stewards, present and past.—Aprons of the same dimensions lined with crimson, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver, and silver tassels.

Grand officers of the grand lodge, present and past.—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with garter-blue, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold, and gold tassels, with the emblems of their offices, in gold or blue, in the centre.

The apron of the grand master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The apron of the deputy grand master to have the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the pomegranate and the lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

In the grand lodge, and at great ceremonials and festivals where the grand officers appear in their official capacities, the actual grand

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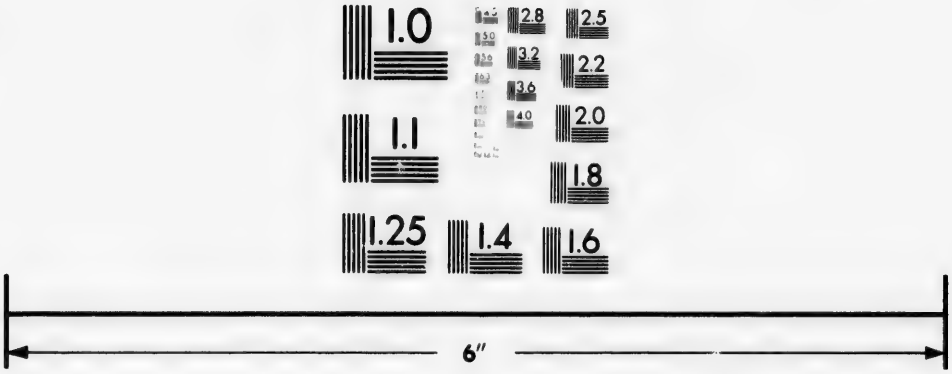

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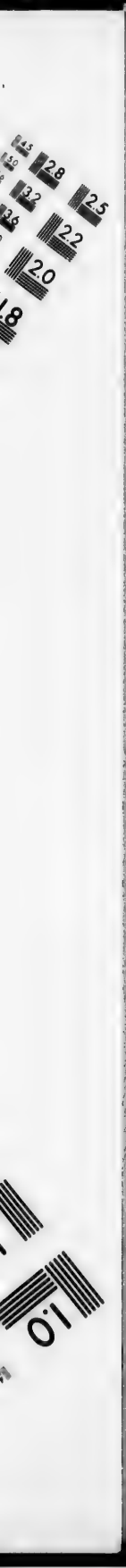
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officers wear chains of gold, or metal gilt, instead of collars; but upon all other occasions, collars of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered or plain.

Past grand officers of the grand lodge are, in the grand lodge, or at any great ceremonial or festival, to wear embroidered collars, and in private lodges, collars either embroidered or plain.

OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

Every application for a warrant to hold a new lodge must be by petition to the grand master, signed by at least seven regularly registered masons; and the lodges to which they formerly belonged must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the nearest lodge, and be transmitted to the grand secretary, to be submitted to the grand master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the grand master may issue a dispensation, authorizing the brethren to meet as a lodge until a warrant of constitution shall be granted by the grand lodge.

The following is the form of petition:

"*To the M. W. Grand Master of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and accepted masons of New Brunswick.*"

"We, the undersigned, being regular registered masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art; and, for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new lodge to be named ———; in consequence of this desire, we pray for a warrant of constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular lodge at ———, in the county of ———, on the ——— of every month, and there to discharge the duties of masonry, in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the order and the laws of the grand lodge; and we have nominated and do recommend brother [A. B.] to be the first master, brother [C. D.] to be the first senior warden, and brother

[E. F.] to be the first junior warden of the said lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the grand master and the laws and regulations of the grand lodge."

In order to avoid irregularities, every new lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the grand master, with his deputy and wardens; or, in the absence of the grand master, by his deputy, who shall choose some master of a lodge to assist him. If both these officers be absent, the grand master may appoint some other grand officer or master of a lodge to act as deputy *pro tempore.*

The following is the manner of constituting a new lodge, according to the antient usages of masons:

A lodge is duly formed, and, after prayer, an ode in honor of masonry is sung. The grand master is then informed by the grand secretary, or acting grand secretary, that the brethren present desire to be formed into a new lodge, etc., etc.

The minutes of the lodge, while under dispensation, are likewise read, and being approved, are declared regular and valid, and signed by the grand master. The grand master then enquires if the brethren approve of the officers who are nominated in the warrant to preside over them. This being signified in masonic form, an oration on the nature and designs of the institution may be delivered. The lodge is then consecrated, according to ceremonies proper and usual on these occasions, but not proper to be written; and the grand master constitutes the lodge in antient form.

The candidates, or the new master and wardens, being yet among the brethren, the grand master asks his deputy if he hath examined them, and found the candidate-master well skilled in the noble science and royal art, and duly instructed in our mysteries, etc. The deputy answering in the affirmative, he shall (by the grand master's order) take the candidate from among his fellows, and present him to the grand master, saying: "Most Worshipful Grand

Master, I present this, my worthy brother to be installed master of the lodge, whom I know to be of good morals and great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole fraternity wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth."

Then the grand master, placing the candidate upon his left hand, having asked and obtained the unanimous consent of all the brethren, shall say: "I appoint you the master of this lodge, not doubting your capacity and care to preserve the cement of the lodge," etc., with some other expressions that are proper and usual on that occasion, but not proper to be written.

Upon this the deputy shall rehearse the charges and regulations of a master, and the grand master shall ask the candidate, saying: "Do you submit to these charges and promise to uphold these regulations as masters have done in all ages?" The candidate shall signify his cordial submission thereto, and the grand master shall, by certain significant ceremonies and antient usages, install him, and present him with the book of constitution, the lodge book, and the instruments of his office, one after another; and after each of them, the grand master or his deputy shall rehearse the short charge suitable to the article presented.

After this, the members of the new lodge, bowing all together to the grand master, shall return him thanks, and immediately do their homage to their new master, and signify their promise of subjection and obedience to him, by the usual congratulation.

The deputy and the grand wardens, and any other brethren present, that are not members of the new lodge, shall next congratulate the new master; and he shall return his acknowledgment to the grand master first, and to the rest in their order.

Then the grand master desires the new master to enter immediately upon the exercise of his office, in naming his wardens; and the new master, calling forth the two brothers, presents them to the grand master for his approbation. That being granted, the

senior or junior grand warden shall rehearse the charges of wardens; and the candidates being solemnly asked by the new master, shall signify their submission thereto.

Upon which, the new master shall present them with the instruments of their office, and induct them in due form in their proper places; and the brethren shall signify their obedience to the new wardens by the usual congratulation. The other elected officers of the lodge, and those appointed, are then invested in antient form.

The lodge, being thus completely constituted, shall be registered in the grand master's book, and by his order notified to the other lodges.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

SEPTEMBER 27th and 28th, A. D. 1876.

The Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street, in the City of Saint John, commencing Wednesday, the 27th day of September, A. L. 5876, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT:

M. W. ROBERT T. CLINCH,.....Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE,.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. G. HUDSON FLEWELLING,..Senior Grand Warden.
W. JOS. C. HATHEWAY,....as Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. Rev. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,.Grand Chaplain.
V. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,...Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING,....Grand Secretary.
W. JAMES MCNICHOL, Jr.,....Senior Grand Deacon.
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,...as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. J. ALFRED CLARK,.....as Asst. G. D. Ceremonies.

W. HENRY LEONARD, ... as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. WILLIAM WATERBURY, . as Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD, ... Grand Organist.
W. FREEMAN W. WISDOM, ... Grand Pursuivant.
W. GEORGE KILNAPP, ... Grand Steward.
W. EDWIN M. WETMORE, ... "
W. CHAS. MCLAUCHLAN, Jr., . . "
W. SAMUEL EDGETT, ... "
W. JOHN C. LEONARD, ... "
W. THOMAS F. GILLESPIE, ... "
BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER, . . . Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. B. LESTER PETERS, ... Past Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM WEDDERBURN, . . "
R. W. JOHN V. ELLIS, ... "
R. W. EDWARD WILLIS, ... Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL, ... "
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON, ... Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. DAVID BROWN, ... "
R. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE, ... Past Junior Grand Warden.
W. THOMAS F. GILLESPIE, ... Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. DAVID WETMORE, ... Past Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN D. SHORT, ... Past G. D. Ceremonies.
W. JOHN MULLIN, ... Past G. Standard Bearer.
W. JOSEPH C. HATHEWAY, . . . Past Grand Pursuivant.
W. DAVID R. MUNRO, ... "
W. HENRY DUFFELL, ... "

Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, with prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain.

The V. W. Grand Secretary read the "Regulations for the government of the grand lodge during the time of business."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the V. W. the Grand Secretary omit the reading of the records of the last annual communication, as the members of grand lodge are in possession of printed copies.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master reported that W. Brothers Charles U. Hanford, William R. Russell and George E. Fairweather are the committee on credentials appointed by the Board of General Purposes.

The committee on credentials reported, from time to time, the following representatives in attendance and entitled to seats in grand lodge, viz.:

Albion Lodge, No. 1,.....James A. Hoyt, W. M.
Thomas Walker, S. W.
William W. Emslie, P. M.
Robert T. Clinch, P. M.
Thomas F. Raymond, P. M.
B. Lester Peters, P. M.
Thomas M. Reed, P. M.
Edwin J. Everett, P. M.
T. Nisbet Robertson, P. M.
Geo. E. Fairweather, P. M.
Freeman W. Wisdom, P. M.
Chas. McLauchlan, jr., P. M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,.....Hiram G. Betts, W. M.
John Buchanan, S. W.
George B. Hegan, J. W.
Wm. H. A. Keans, P. M.
Wm. F. Bunting, P. M.
John D. Short, P. M.
William Wedderburn, P. M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 2,.....Jos. C. Hatheway, P. M.
William M. Sears, P. M.

Hibernia Lodge, No. 3,.....Andrew J. Stewart, W. M.
George E. Perkins, S. W.
Mark N. Powers, P. M.
John Mullin, P. M.
George Kilnapp, P. M.
James Saunders, P. M.
James Adams, P. M.

Saint Mark's Lodge, No. 5,.....William D. Forster, W. M.
Benj. R. Stevenson, P. M.
Edward Lorimer, P. M.

Sussex Lodge, No. 7,.....David Brown, P. M.
William Waterbury, P. M.

Carleton Union Lodge, No. 8,...John V. Ellis, W. M.
James Cooper, S. W.
Thomas W. Lander, J. W.
Samuel L. Brittain, P. M.
Edwin J. Wetmore, P. M.
Henry Leonard, P. M.
J. Alfred Clark, P. M.
John C. Leonard, P. M.

Midian Lodge, No. 9,.....Rev. F. Partridge, W. M.
Edwin M. Wetmore, S. W.
David Wetmore, P. M.
Samuel Foster, P. M.
G. H. Flewelling, P. M.
Rev. D. I. Wetmore, P. M.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10,.Henry Duffell, W. M.
Beverley Stevens, S. W.

Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10,. William Cunard, J. W.
Robert Marshall, P. M.
David R. Munro, P. M.
William C. Morissey, P. M.
Charles U. Hanford, P. M.
Samuel Edgett, P. M.

Woodstock Lodge, No. 11,..... William F. Dibblee, P. M.

Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16,..... John Robertson S. W.

Miramichi Lodge, No. 18,..... Thos. F. Gillespie, P. M.

Leinster Lodge, No. 19,..... Charles A. Stockton, W. M.
Charles H. Johnston, S. W.
Charles H. Masters, J. W.
Edward Willis, P. M.
Asaph G. Blakslee, P. M.

Salisbury Lodge, No. 20,..... James Bentley, S. W.

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,.. David Dearness, W. M.
Thomas Clerke, S. W.
Archibald Malcolm, J. W.
James McNichol, Jr., P. M.
Wm. G. Matthewson, P. M.
Robt. J. McAdoo, P. M.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 28,..... Blair Estabrooks, W. M.
Abner Smith, S. W.

Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 29,.. James Boone, W. M.

St. Martin's Lodge, No. 30,..... William Osborne, W. M.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered his annual address as follows:

Grand Master's Annual Address.

To the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, VERY WORSHIPFUL, AND WORSHIPFUL BROTHERS:

In meeting with you at this ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, it affords me the greatest satisfaction to be able to congratulate you on the prosperous condidion of the fraternity in this jurisdiction. During the past year our harmony has been undisturbed, and our ranks have been unbroken; and we assemble in grand lodge acknowledging, with thankfulness, the continued mercies of the Great Architect of the Universe.

The report of the board of general purposes and the reports of the grand treasurer and grand secretary will afford you full information as to the progress of the craft, and the financial and business transactions of the year, in the executive departments of grand lodge.

The careful revision at the last annual communication of the book of constitutions has proved so judicious and complete, that no question or proposal for alteration or amendment has arisen to be submitted for your consideration.

The grand secretary will place before you a circular received at his office, asking masonic recognition of a body calling itself "The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Ontario." The Province of Ontario in this Dominion of Canada is under the masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, with which this grand lodge has been, and is, in fraternal communication; and I feel it to be my duty to urge upon you for high constitutional considerations, not in any manner to recognize the unlawful proceedings of those who are seeking to establish this (so called) Grand Lodge of Ontario.

On a careful review of the subject, you will find, that among many reasons why no masonic recognition should be accorded to their proceedings, there are two grounds either of which must be fatal to their claim.

1st.—The Province of Ontario is occupied masonic territory, under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and, therefore, any independent action of masons in Ontario, in seeking to form

a governing body, is an act of rebellion against the recognized and lawful masonic authority of the province.

2nd.—On the face of their own statement the mode of proceeding was irregular and unmasonic, as the action was not by a convention of regular lodges, but was only the insufficient action of individual masons, contrary to masonic law and well established precedent.

The Grand Lodge of Canada has exercised due masonic discipline on the offending brethren, by expelling them from all the rights and benefits of freemasonry. I refer the whole matter to you, confident that you will maintain the antient rights and established laws of the fraternity relating to independent and sovereign grand lodges.

The grand secretary will also submit to you the papers connected with the organization of a grand lodge for the Territory of Dakota, with the official application for recognition.

I have examined the formal record of proceedings, and I am of opinion that the action taken has been regular and masonic. Should you concur with me in this view, the new Grand Lodge of Dakota will be entitled to recognition.

Several brethren of Campbellton, in the county of Restigouche, having applied by petition for a warrant to hold a new lodge, I issued a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a lodge, and on the 15th of the present month I visited Campbellton, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Bunting, Grand Secretary, and W. Bro. Duffell, Past Grand Pursuivant, and organized the lodge under dispensation.

The papers will be laid before you, and I have pleasure in recommending that a warrant of constitution erecting the brethren into a regular lodge may be granted at this session of grand lodge.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master visited Andover, in the county of Victoria, and duly opened there a lodge, called "Benjamin Lodge," under dispensation.

I submit for your consideration the highly satisfactory report of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and cordially recommend that a warrant be granted to constitute the brethren at Andover into a regular lodge.

WOODSTOCK, 19th September, 1876.

R. T. Clinch, Esq., M. W. G. M., F. & A. M. St. John:

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—On the 7th day of September inst., according to instructions received from you, I, in company of V. W. Brother Bunting, G. S., W. Brother McNichol, S. G. D., and a number of the brethren of Woodstock Lodge went up to Andover, County Victoria, for the purpose of organizing Benjamin Lodge, under dispensation. Upon arriving at Andover we met with a very

fraternal welcome from the brethren of that place. At half-past seven o'clock p. m., a lodge of master masons was opened in the masonic hall, the dispensation read, and the officers of Benjamin Lodge, as set forth in the dispensation, were inducted into their respective offices. About fifty brethren were present at the opening, including a number from Fort Fairfield, State of Maine.

The brethren of Benjamin Lodge have provided themselves with a very comfortable hall, well furnished, and a superior set of jewels, and show great zeal for the interest of freemasonry, and are quite well instructed in the ritual of opening and closing a lodge. I would, therefore, recommend grand lodge to grant them a warrant.

I cannot close this brief report, M. W. Sir, without tendering my hearty thanks to Bros. the V. W. Grand Secretary, and W. S. G. Deacon, for their advice and assistance in opening Benjamin lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. DIBBLEE, D. G. M.

It is with feelings of deep sorrow that I announce to you the sudden and lamented death of M. W. Brother Aldis Bernard, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. Brother Bernard occupied a distinguished position among his brethren, and was honored and beloved during a long masonic career. He took a warm interest in the organization of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and frequently expressed to myself his affectionate and fraternal solicitude for the prosperity of our antient craft in this jurisdiction.

Official communication from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, announcing the death of M. W. Bro. Bernard, has been received at the office of the grand secretary, with the request that the vacancy in the representation of this grand lodge may be supplied, and I have appointed V. W. Brother the Hon T. B. Pardee our representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I have appointed the following named representatives of this grand lodge at sister grand lodges :

W. Brother Joseph Kenworthy, near the Grand Lodge of New York ;

R. W. Brother William T. Wilkinson, near the Grand Lodge of Ireland ;

R. W. Brother George Wesley Atkinson, near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia ;

W. Brother Harvey E. Hubbard, near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin;

W. Brother John W. Morrison, near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

Some irregularities in the manner of conducting the business of lodges have during the past year been brought to my notice, that I think it necessary to mention.

1st.—Miramichi Lodge, No. 18. A brother having been initiated in St. David's Lodge, No. 393 on the Registry of England, at Berwick-on-Tweed, and holding a grand lodge certificate of such initiation, was duly proposed at the regular communication of Miramichi Lodge in September last for affiliation, and wishing to be advanced, a lodge of emergency was called, at which, after an interval of one week, he was balloted for and received as a member.

In this case I directed the grand secretary to call the attention of the lodge to the irregularity of balloting for a brother at an emergency communication, and before the next regular communication after his proposal, in violation of the provisions of section 1 of the constitutions, under the title "Proposing Members."

2nd.—Keith Lodge, No. 23. In this case it appeared that the summons issued for the regular meeting to be held on Thursday, the 6th day of April last, while notifying the members that the ballot would be taken on the application of five persons by name, three of whom were petitioners for initiation, and two brothers for affiliation, the summons did not, as required by sections 1 and 2 of the constitution under the title "Proposing members," notify the brethren of the "age, addition or profession, and place of abode" of the petitioners for initiation, and the "occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge" of the brothers applying for admission. Ballot having been taken at the meeting, but none of the applicants initiated, and complaint been made by members of the lodge, I declared void the balloting so irregularly taken, and directed that the proper summons should issue as required by the constitution.

3rd.—Woodstock Lodge, No. 11. In this case it appeared that the regular meeting of the lodge was duly held on the 5th day of April last, and after ordinary business and the initiation of candidates, the W. Master adjourned the lodge until the following evening to proceed with unfinished work.

A lodge must be regularly closed, and cannot be adjourned from day to day.

I directed the grand secretary to call the attention of the master to the irregularity.

I do not consider that there was in any of these cases a wilful breach of the constitution, but I believe that the errors have arisen through

inattention and want of proper care. That masters and officers of lodges should be ignorant of the plain rules adopted and promulgated for the government of the craft is manifestly without excuse.

I cannot too strongly urge upon the fraternity a careful study of the book of constitution and the antient regulations.

I have requested the committee on ritual to arrange for the exemplification of the work of the three degrees before grand lodge during this communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report upon the several subjects contained therein.

Whereupon the following brethren were appointed such committee:

R. W. Bros. B. L. Peters, W. F. Dibblee, and John V. Ellis.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary submitted his annual report and account as follows:

Report of Grand Secretary.

To the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

At this the ninth annual communication, the grand secretary has pleasure in submitting a statement of the transactions and affairs of his office during the past year.

1.—The receipts for the year just ended were thirteen hundred and forty-nine dollars and fifty cents, for the following purposes, viz:

Registration fees,	$198 00
Certificates,	181 00
Annual dues,	908 40
Dispensations for new lodges,	30 00
" for other purposes,	16 00
Constitutions,	13 70
Miscellaneous,	2 40
Total,	$1349 50

Which sum was duly paid to the grand treasurer and an account in detail furnished the board of general purposes.

2.—It affords him gratification to be able to state, that all the lodges have made their returns in full to the close of our last masonic year, and have paid all fees and dues chargeable thereon.

The returns show the following exhibit of work, &c.:

Number initiated,	171
" Passed,	156
" Raised,	162
" Joined,	29
" Reinstated,	4
" Withdrawn,	76
" Suspended,	53
" Excluded,	3
" Died,	29
Total number of members,	2,246

Taking into consideration the limited and, to some extent, sparsely settled population of New Brunswick, it cannot necessarily be expected that there should be any great or rapid increase in the numerical strength of the craft, nevertheless, there has been a steady, though limited, gain year by year; and this may be said in particular of the year just closed.

3.—By authority of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, there were issued twenty-one dispensations, as follows:

To open new lodges,	2
To confer degrees at short intervals,	10
To bury deceased brethren,	1
For masonic gatherings and entertainments,	8

4.—The usual number of copies of the proceedings of the last annual communication was printed under the direction of the board of general purposes, and distributed as heretofore.

5.—In accordance with the order passed at the last session of grand lodge, he procured the printing of three thousand copies of the revised constitution, in a form and style which he trusts will meet the approval of grand lodge.

6.—The grand secretary takes this opportunity of returning his grateful acknowledgments to R. W. Brothers B. Lester Peters and John

V. Ellis, who expended much time and great care in reading proofs, superintending the printing, &c., &c., of the proceedings and constitutions during his absence from the province.

7.—Under the direction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, he issued commissions, under the seal of grand lodge, to representatives near the following grand lodges:

Manitoba,
Utah,
Prince Edward Island,
New York,
West Virginia,
Wisconsin,
Canada.

8.—He has received a printed circular from the recently organized Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory, asking to enter into fraternal relations; also, a copy of the proceedings had at the organization of that grand lodge.

9.—He is in receipt of the printed proceedings of the respective Grand Lodges of America, Europe, &c., and has furnished each of those grand lodges with copies of the proceedings of New Brunswick.

He is also in receipt of a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, A. D. 1876.

A copy of the Calendar of the Grand Orient of France for 1876.

A copy of the Constitution, Penal Code, &c., of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A. D. 1875.

A volume entitled "Masonic Trestle Board," published by authority of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

A bound copy of a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Montana, from the date of its organization in A. D. 1866, up to and including the transactions of 1872.

10.—He issued a notice to the different lodges in the jurisdiction, advising them of the publication of the new edition of the constitution and informing them that copies would be furnished at a cost of ten cents each. In reply to this notification, some eighteen lodges procured a supply, leaving twelve lodges that have not made any application. Under the heading "Proposing members," section 8, page 44 of the constitution, it is required that each candidate, on his initiation, shall be furnished with a copy of the lodge by-laws and a copy of the con-

stitution. It is therefore doubtful, judging from the number of copies procured by some of the lodges, if this law is in all cases carried out.

11.—A matter of much importance to the well being of grand lodge, which may reasonably be considered within the purview of the grand secretary's report, is the attendance of representatives of lodges outside of the City of Saint John at the annual communications. The grand secretary has made a compilation from the attendance book for the several years of the existence of the grand lodge, and he finds that the attendance of such representatives at the annual communications was as follows:

A. D. 1868,	10	representatives
1869,	11	"
1870,	31	"
1871,	10	"
1872,	15	"
1873,	22	"
1874,	20	"
1875,	22	"

It will be observed from the foregoing figures, that, with the exception of one year (1870), the attendance has not averaged one representative to each lodge. Clearly, every lodge in the province should be represented at the annual communications; would it not therefore be advisable for grand lodge to make this a subject for consideration?

12.—The lodges throughout the jurisdiction are working harmoniously, and give evidence of being in a healthy and prosperous condition. It is the aim of the grand secretary to give every attention to their requirements, and to respond promptly to all matters brought to his notice. He has great pleasure in stating that his correspondence and business transactions generally with the lodges have almost invariably been of the most satisfactory and agreeable character.

His books, files of papers, correspondence, &c., are submitted for the inspection of grand lodge.

The following is a copy of his account for the year just ended, furnished the board of general purposes:

William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

DR.

Cash received from	Albion Lodge,	No. 1,	$94	00
" "	St. John's,	" 2,	69	80
" "	Hibernia,	" 3,	83	00
" "	Sussex,	" 4,	31	30
" "	St. Mark's,	" 5,	36	60
" "	Solomon's,	" 6,	52	10
" "	Sussex,	" 7,	57	20
" "	Carleton Union,	" 8,	61	90
" "	Midian,	" 9,	13	90
" "	Union of Portland,	" 10,	101	20
" "	Woodstock,	" 11,	50	10
" "	St. George,	" 12,	85	00
" "	Corinthian,	" 13,	12	20
" "	Alley,	" 14,	16	40
" "	Howard,	" 15,	30	40
" "	St. Andrew,	" 16,	27	25
" "	Northumberland,	" 17,	55	40
" "	Miramichi Lodge,	" 18,	37	90
" "	Leinster,	" 19,	42	70
" "	Salisbury,	" 20,	36	50
" "	Zion,	" 21,	56	45
" "	New Brunswick,	" 22,	39	40
" "	Keith,	" 23,	28	50
" "	Zetland,	" 24,	17	10
" "	Restigouche,	" 25,	46	00
" "	Victoria,	" 26,	42	10
" "	St. John,	" 27,	19	60
" "	Lebanon,	" 28,	15	20
" "	St. Andrew's,	" 29,	38	90
" "	St. Martin's,	" 30,	21	40
" "	Benjamin,	U. D.	15	00
" "	Campbellton,	U. D.	15	00
			$1349	50

CR.

1876.			
May 17,	Cash paid Grand Treasurer,	$800	00
Sept. 16,	" "	549	50
		$1349	50

WM. F. BUNTING, Grand Secretary.

St. John, N. B., 16th Sept., 1876.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the report of the grand secretary be received, and lie on the table.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary informed grand lodge, that R. W. Bro. W. H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, was prevented from being in attendance on account of illness. He thereupon read the grand treasurer's annual account, as follows:

William H. A. Keans, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

1875.	DR.		
Sept. 13,	To amount in bank of B. N. America,.....	$985 11	
1876.			
May 17,	To amount received from Grand Secretary,	$800 00	
Sept. 16,	" " " "	549 50	
			$2334 61

1875.	CR.		
Sept. 24,	By donation to Northumberland Lodge,..	$ 50 00	
	" Grand Tyler, for services,.....	12 00	
	" Grand Secretary, salary,.....	400 00	
	" Appropriation to benevolence fund,..	200 00	
29,	" Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	3 40	
Oct. 11,	" Stadacona Insurance Co., premium,..	10 00	
Dec. 8,	" Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	3 20	
1876.			
March 8,	" " "	3 20	
June 14,	" H. Chubb & Co., printing, &c.,.....	449 55	
	" Hall Committee, special assessment,..	2 00	
	" C. A. Robertson, horse hire,.....	8 00	
Sept. 13,	" Hall Committee, rent, &c.,.....	4 50	
	" Grand Secretary, postages, &c.,.....	22 35	
	" Expenses official visitation,.....	30 48	
	" Balance in Bank B. N. America,.....	1135 93	
			$2334 61

W. H. A. KEANS,
Grand Treasurer.

St. John, N. B., 18th Sept., 1876.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., and

Resolved, That the report of the grand treasurer be received.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, as President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the annual report of the board, as follows:

Report of the Board of General Purposes.

MASONIC HALL, ST. JOHN, N. B.,
27th day of September, A. L. 5876.

To the Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick:

1.—In submitting their annual report for 1875 '76, the board of general purposes have very great pleasure in congratulating grand lodge on the continued harmony and prosperity of the craft within their jurisdiction. The various lodges, in a true spirit of emulation, are endeavoring to perfect themselves in the ceremonial work as authorized by grand lodge. During the year (which has been one of general commercial depression) the craft has most generously responded to the many calls for benevolence and charity. The harmonious and fraternal spirit which has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, in the past twelve months, has rendered the labors of the board comparatively light. No disputes of any kind have arisen, requiring settlement by the board, either between lodges or members.

2.—At a meeting held on the twenty-fourth day of September, immediately following the termination of the last annual session of grand lodge, the board proceeded as usual to the work of organization, and by an unanimous vote re-elected Worshipful Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Vice President for the current year.

3.—The regulation, which had been adopted in reference to the regular meetings of the board being held on the second Wednesday in December, March, June, and September, at 3 o'clock p. m., having proved satisfactory, it was unanimously agreed to continue the rule for the ensuing year.

4.—The board, feeling the importance of having the books in the masonic library placed before the members of the craft, remitted the

matter into the hands of a committee, who, after careful consideration, submitted the following report:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,
ST. JOHN, N. B., 2d Sept., A. D. 1876.

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes F. & A. M., of New Brunswick:

The undersigned, appointed by the board on the 8th December last under the following resolution, viz: "That the library committee be requested to consider the possibility of having the books at present in the Grand Lodge Library made accessible to the craft, and report at the next regular meeting of the board," beg to say, that they have given this important matter their most thoughtful consideration, and have been reluctantly led to the conclusion that, with the limited accommodation at the disposal of the library committee, it will, for the present, be quite impossible to make such an arrangement, in its entirity, as that above suggested: at the same time, your committee fully realize the importance of the proposition, and would take this opportunity to say, that the boon of having a masonic library, accessible at all times to the craft, is one of the many advantages that may reasonably be expected to follow the construction of the now contemplated New Brunswick Masonic Temple.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL,
WM. F. BUNTING,
JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,
Library Committee.

5.—The sum of two hundred dollars placed at the disposal of the board by grand lodge at the annual session of 1875, as a nucleus for a "Fund of Benevolence," was placed in the hands of a committee, who report as follows:

ST. JOHN, September 13th, 1876.

The sub-committee of the board, to whom was referred the subject of the Fund of Benevolence, beg to report, that they have deposited in the Bank of British North America in this city, in the name of B. Lester Peters, John V. Ellis and W. H. A. Keans, for grand lodge, the sum of two hundred dollars, voted by grand lodge at its last annual session as a nucleus for the said fund, that amount bearing interest at five per cent. per annum from 5th October, 1875.

The sub-committee recommend the board to ask grand lodge to add such other sum to the fund, at the coming session, as can be spared from the treasury of grand lodge.

The sub-committee further recommend, that the grand secretary be directed to bring specially under the notice of the craft in the jurisdiction, the object of this fund, and at the time of the next festival of St. John Evangelist (27th Dec. 1876), solicit from lodges and individual brethren donations toward it, in the name of grand lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,
B. LESTER PETERS,
J. MCNICHOL, JR.

6.—The finances of grand lodge have engaged the attention of the board and their satisfactory condition will be seen by the following report of the audit committee.

ST. JOHN, N. B., September 19th, 1876.

To the President of the Board of General Purposes:

The sub-committee of the board, appointed to audit the accounts and examine the books of the grand secretary and grand treasurer, for the past masonic year of 1875 and '76, report, that they have carefully attended to that duty, and find the accounts correct and the books carefully and systematically kept.

The receipts for the past year are $1349.50; the balance on hand from last year was $985.11; making a total of $2334.61. The expenditures during the year were $1198.68; leaving a balance in the hands of grand treasurer of $1135.93.

The receipts of the grand secretary's office correspond with the payments to grand treasurer, as appears by the books and vouchers.

The committee note with pleasure and satisfaction the promptitude manifested by subordinate lodges in paying grand lodge dues.

The receipts and expenditures of grand lodge, in detail, will be found clearly set forth in the statement of the grand secretary and grand treasurer respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MCNICHOL, JR.,
HENRY DUFFELL,
J. ALFRED CLARK.

7.—The question of an uniform funeral service, referred to the board by grand lodge at the last annual session, was submitted to a sub-committee, who after great care and consideration have prepared a beautiful and impressive service, which the board herewith offers to grand lodge for their consideration.

Very respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. DIBBLEE., D. G. M.,
President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. E. J. Wetmore, P. J. G. W., and

Resolved, That the report of the board be received.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., and

Resolved, That the grand secretary be authorized to have printed, as soon as practicable, for the use of grand lodge, the reports of the grand secretary, grand treasurer, and the board of general purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Marshall, P. D. G. M., and

Resolved, That the election of the elective officers of grand lodge be held this evening at eight o'clock.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M., and

Resolved, That grand lodge proceed to the consideration of the funeral service, as reported in section 7 of the report of the board of general purposes.

The Funeral Service, prepared by the board of general purposes, was thereupon read by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M.,

That grand lodge adopt the funeral service submitted for consideration by the board of general purposes.

After some discussion on the foregoing motion, it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the consideration of this question be postponed for the present.

The Library Committee submitted the following report:

Report of the Library Committee.

To the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of New Brunswick:

The library committee beg to report that there remained in their hands, as per their report submitted at the last annual communication, the sum of $1.69.

Since that time there has been expended the sum of $7.64, which will leave the grand lodge indebted to the committee in the sum of $5.95.

Possibly, through an oversight, grand lodge omitted to place any funds in their hands at the last annual communication. They were consequently obliged to refrain from incurring any expense. This will account for the trifling outlay.

The committee respectfully ask grand lodge to make an appropriation at this session, to enable them to take advantage of any sales of works suitable for the library shelves.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT MARSHALL,
J. MCNICHOL, JR.,
WM. F. BUNTING.

St. John, 27th September, 1876.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., and

Resolved, That the foregoing report be received, and the sum of one hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the library committee.

R. W. Bro. G. Hudson Flewelling, S. G. W., presented credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island, dated at Charlottetown the third day of January, A. L. 5876, and signed by M. W. Bro. John Yeo, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. B. Wilson Higgs, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, presented credentials as representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Utah, dated at Salt Lake City, the twelfth day of October, A. L. 5875, and signed by M. W. Bro. C. W. Bennett, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. William F. Dibblee, D. G. M., presented credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of the Most Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the Province of Manitoba, in the Dominion of Canada, dated at Winnipeg, the fourteenth day of January, A. L. 5876, and signed by M. W. Bro. William C. Clarke, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John H. Bell, Grand Secretary.

The foregoing representatives were thereupon received and saluted in due form.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

27th September, 1876.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at half-past seven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The committee on the M. W. the Grand Master's address presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, September 27th, 1876.

To the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.:

The committee on grand master's address recommend that a special committee on warrants be appointed, to whom shall be referred so much of the address of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to new lodges.

The committee ask leave to make a further report.

Fraternally submitted,

B. LESTER PETERS,
JOHN V. ELLIS,
WM. F. DIBBLEE.

Which report, on motion of W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, G. D. C., was received, and the recommendation adopted.

In accordance therewith, W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall and W. Bro. Henry Duffell, were appointed such committee.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., presented credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, dated at the City of New York the fourteenth day of January, A. L. 5876, and signed by M. W. Bro. Ellwood E. Thorne, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., presented credentials as representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Iowa, dated at Iowa City the thirteenth day of September, A. L. 5875, and signed by M. W. Bro. H. W. Hothert, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary

R. W. Bros. Peters and Marshall were thereupon received and saluted in due form as such representatives.

The V. W. the Grand Secretary submitted an application from the body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Ontario," expressing a desire to enter upon fraternal relationship and to exchange representatives.

Which application, on motion of R. W. Bro. William Wedderburn, P. G. M., was referred to the committee on Grand Master's address.

The time appointed for the election of the elective officers of grand lodge having arrived, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed W. Bros. J. Alfred Clark, T. Nisbet Robertson and William Waterbury to act as scrutineers.

The scrutineers having been duly qualified, the regulations of grand lodge relative to the election of officers were read by the Grand Secretary.

The following brethren were thereupon nominated and unanimously elected by acclamation, viz.:

ROBERT T. CLINCH,.....M.W. Grand Master (re-elected.)
WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,...R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
THOMAS F. GILLESPIE,....R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
WILLIAM D. FORSTER,....R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,.V.W. Grand Chaplain (re-elected.)
JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,...V.W. Grand Treasurer.
DINGEE SCRIBNER,.....W. Grand Tyler.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the hour of seven o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) evening, be appointed for the installation services.

R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., from the ritual committee, reported that the committee had made arrangements by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, for the full exemplification, before grand lodge, of the *work* of the three degrees, and the ceremonies of opening, closing, &c., and that R. W. Bro. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, would occupy the chair and conduct all the ceremonies, assisted by officers specially appointed for the purpose.

He further reported that, for the better carrying out the wishes of the M. W. the Grand Master, application had been made to three of the worshipful masters of city lodges, to summon emergency communications of their lodges, and to furnish candidates, which application had been cheerfully assented to by the following:

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22,.....E. A. Degree.
Albion Lodge, No. 1,.....F. C. Degree.
Saint John's Lodge, No. 2,.....M. M. Degree.

By order of the M. W. the Grand Master, grand lodge took a recess for the purpose of witnessing the *work* of the E. A. degree in the New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, and thereafter grand lodge was called to order again.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING,

28th September, 1876.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 11 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

Application for fraternal recognition was received from the Grand Lodge of Dakota, as follows:

A. F. and A. M.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA,
Canton, Lincoln County, Dakota Territory, Aug. 2, 1875.

To the Grand lodges of America:

The following lodges, viz.:

St. John's No. 166, new No. 1, Yankton,.....Dakota.
Incense No. 257, new No. 2, Vermillion, ... "
Elk Point No. 288, new No 3, Elk Point,..... "
Silver Star No 345, new No. 4, Canton,..... "
Minnehaha No 328, new No 5, Sioux Falls,..... "
Mt. Zion No. 346, new No. 6, Springfield,..... "

Holding their charters from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, met in convention at Elk Point, in said territory, on the 24th day of June, 1875, and having taken all the preliminary steps towards the organization of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, adjourned to meet again at Vermillion, on the 21st day of July, 1875, at which time the convention re-assembled, when M. W. Past Grand Master, T. S. Parvin, of Iowa

City, Iowa, in *ample* form, constituted the M. W. Grand Lodge of Dakota, and installed the following brethren into their respective offices, viz.:

Thomas Henderson Brown, Sioux Falls, M. W. Grand Master; R. W. F. J. DeWitt, Yankton, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Calvin G. Shaw, Vermillion, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. H. H. Blair, Elk Point, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. George H. Hand, Yankton, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Mark W. Bailey, Canton, Grand Secretary; J. C. Damon, Grand Chaplain; W. H. Miller, Sr., Grand Senior Deacon; O. P. Weston, Grand Junior Deacon; D. W. Hasson, Grand Tyler; L. Congleton, Grand Marshall; Thomas Robinson, Grand Senior Steward; C. F. Mallahan, Grand Junior Steward; P. W. McManus, Grand Pursuivant.

The Grand Lodge of Dakota having been thus constituted, and its officers installed, invites the early and fraternal recognition of the sister grand lodges of the American continent and the world. The proceedings of the convention and of its first annual communication, held as above, will be duly published and forwarded to the proper officers of the grand lodges and masonic papers; and as the new grand lodge desires, at the outset, to form a library, it does most earnestly invite the several grand lodges to donate to its library as full a set of its proceedings as they can, and also the several publishers to place the same upon their list of exchanges.

As soon as the grand lodge shall procure a seal, an impression thereof will be forwarded; in the meantime, the grand secretary would be pleased to receive an impression of the seal of each grand lodge receiving this circular. All packages sent by express and all mail may be sent to the undersigned.

Fraternally,

MARK W. BAILEY,

G. Sec'y of the G. Lodge of Dakota, Canton, Lincoln Co., Dakota.

Which application, on motion of R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., was received and referred to the committee on Grand Master's address.

On motion of R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., grand lodge proceeded to the consideration of section 5 of the report of the board of general purposes.

The following resolution was thereupon moved by R. W. Bro. Ellis and adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the board of general purposes, to be added to the fund of benevolence.

A letter was received from the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which on motion of R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., was referred to the committee on Grand Master's address, and is as follows:

TORONTO, 28th July, 1876.

My dear and R. W. Brother:

It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of our highly esteemed and M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, who was for many years the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

M. W. Bro. Bernard died at San Jose, in California (whither he had removed a few months ago), after a brief illness on the 5th of this month, and his remains were brought to Montreal, where they were interred on the 15th inst., on which occasion a special communication of Grand Lodge of Quebec was called to perform the ceremonies. It was my melancholy duty to attend and take part in paying this last sad tribute of respect to our departed brother.

M. W. Bro. Bernard left Canada to seek health and strength in a distant land, and alas! how soon did death overtake him! He was much esteemed amongst his brethren, and will be sadly missed at our councils.

May I ask you to call the attention of your M. W. Grand Master to the vacancy thus created in the position of grand representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near our grand lodge. It will be most gratifying to the brethren of this jurisdiction to have this avenue to friendly and fraternal intercourse maintained, and I therefore hope that the M. W. Grand Master of New Brunswick will at an early day appoint another to act as such representative.

If it would be acceptable to the M. W. Grand Master of New Brunswick I should have much pleasure in nominating V. W. Bro. the Hon. T. B. Pardee as one who is highly esteemed amongst us, and I am confident that he would prove a worthy representative of your grand

lodge, while his position in the community (as Commissioner of Crown Lands) is an earnest that his views would command the respect of his brethren.

Believe me to remain,

Yours truly and fraternally,

J. K. KERR, G. M. G. L. of C.

R. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting, Esq.,
G. Sec'y Grand Lodge of New Brunswick,
Saint John, N. B.

The Grand Secretary read notes addressed to him from W. Bro. Joseph Kenworthy, representative near the Grand Lodge of New York; R. W. Bro. George Wesley Atkinson, representative near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia; W. Bro. Harvey E. Hubbard, representative near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin; and V. W. Bro. T. B. Pardee, representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada, acknowledging the reception of their commissions, with expressions of fraternal wishes for continued harmony between the respective bodies.

W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, G. D. C., submitted the following report, which, on his motion, was ordered to be received.

Report of Committee on Warrants to New Lodges.

Committee Rooms, Masonic Hall,
St. John, N. B., Sept. 28th, 1876.

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master relating to the granting of warrants to lodges, beg to report, that they have had before them the applications for warrants from brethren in Andover and Campbellton, and have given the matter their careful consideration.

Your committee have much pleasure in endorsing the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, that a warrant of constitution be granted to Benjamin Lodge, now working under dispensation at Andover, in the county of Victoria.

Your committee have also much pleasure in endorsing the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, that a warrant of constitution

be granted the Campbellton Lodge, now working under dispensation at Campbellton, in the county of Restigouche.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Nisbet Robertson,
Robert Marshall,
Henry Duffell.

In accordance with the first recommendation in the foregoing report, it was moved by W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, and

Resolved, That a warrant of constitution be granted to Benjamin Lodge, and that it stand on the register No. 31.

In accordance with the second recommendation in the foregoing report, it was also moved by W. Bro. Robertson, and

Resolved, That a warrant of constitution, No. 32, be granted to Campbellton Lodge.

The Grand Secretary read a note from R. W. Bro. David Main, Junior Grand Warden, announcing his inability to attend grand lodge, in consequence of severe illness.

At his request, the V. W. the Grand Secretary presented the credentials of R. W. Bro. David Main, as representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming, dated at Cheyenne the tenth day of October, A. L. 5875, and signed by M. W. Bro. Edgar P. Snow, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John K. Jeffrey, Grand Secretary.

Which credentials were duly received.

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. Henry Leonard, P. M. Lodge No. 8:

Resolved, That the general business of lodges, at regular communications, shall be transacted on the entered apprentice degree.

Pending decision on the foregoing, grand lodge was called from labor until half-past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

28th September, 1876.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at half-past 2 o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

The committee on Grand Master's address submitted the following report:

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,
St. John, Sept. 28th, 1876.

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. the Grand Master beg leave to submit a report.

The committee have examined the proceedings, etc., at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Dakota. They find that that grand lodge was formed by the representatives of six lodges holding from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, the territory being what is understood as masonically unoccupied. The formation was regular in every respect, and the committee are of opinion that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick can safely extend fraternal recognition to the new grand lodge.

The committee have examined the papers submitted to them by grand lodge in connection with the formation of the body calling itself "The Grand Lodge of Ontario," and they have had under consideration the portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master in relation to the same organization.

The so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario was formed in, and claims jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario, which now is, and since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has been exclusively masonic territory of that grand lodge. The formation of another governing body

in that province is therefore an invasion of the territorial rights of a grand lodge with which the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is in fraternal communication, and is not only a violation of, but, if permitted, would be absolutely destructive of the just and necessary principle underlying the whole system of masonic government. On this ground alone the committee advise grand lodge to refuse recognition to the body seeking it. The committee have not deemed it necessary to consider the matter from any other stand-point, or to enter upon any discussion of the mode of formation of the self called grand lodge, the attention drawn to this by the Grand Master being quite sufficient. They venture to express the hope that the brethren now in rebellion against the lawful authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and indeed against all masonic law and principle, will return to their allegiance, and atone for the grievous wrong they have done.

The committee submit the following resolutions:

1st.—*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory, United States of America, be, and is hereby recognized by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick as a regular grand lodge, and that fraternal salutations be sent her.

2nd.—*Resolved*, That the body calling itself the Grand Lodge of Ontario is an irregular and clandestine organization, and is not entitled to recognition or countenance by regular freemasons: that persons hailing from the said organization, or bodies holding of it are not worthy of masonic fellowship, and that all the lodges in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be immediately warned by the grand secretary not to receive as visitors, or acknowledge as brothers, persons hailing from the so called Grand Lodge of Ontario.

The committee ask leave to make a further report.

Respectfully submitted.

B. Lester Peters,
John V. Ellis,
W. F. Dibblee.

Whereupon it was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., and

Resolved, That the report be received, and the resolutions offered by the committee be considered separately.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P.D.G.M., and

Resolved, That the resolution of the committee having reference to the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory be adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. C. Hatheway, P. G. Pursuivant, and

Resolved, That the resolution of the committee regarding the body styling itself the "Grand Lodge of Ontario," be adopted.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Edward Willis, P. D. G. M., the debate was resumed on the resolution to adopt a "Funeral Service," postponed yesterday afternoon.

In amendment to that resolution, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, P. D. G. M., as follows:

That ——— copies of the funeral service, submitted by the board of general purposes be printed and placed in the office of the grand secretary, and that copies be supplied on application to any W. Master on payment of a price to be fixed by the board.

Which amendment was adopted.

On motion of R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., it was

Resolved, That the blank in the foregoing resolution be filled in—"Two hundred."

The following resolution was moved by W. Bro. T. N. Robertson, G. D. C., and decided in the negative.

Resolved, That the funeral service which has been adopted by this grand lodge shall be the only funeral service used by lodges within this jurisdiction, at the burial of deceased brethren.

Grand Lodge took a recess, when the ceremonies of the Fellow Craft degree were witnessed at an emergency communication of Albion Lodge, No. 1, specially summoned for the purpose; after which grand lodge was called to order again.

Grand Lodge was called from labor until seven o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING,

28th September, 1876.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at seven o'clock, the M. W. the Grand Master in the East.

R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., presented credentials as representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin, dated at Milwaukee the fifteenth day of May, A. L. 5876, and signed by M. W. Bro. J. P. C. Cottrill, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John W. Woodhull, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. Ellis was thereupon received and saluted in due form as such representative.

R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., chairman of the committee on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, submitted the following resolutions, which, on his motion, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this grand lodge receives with profound sorrow the announcement made by the M. W. Grand Master of the death of M. W. Bro. Aldis Bernard, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and for many years representative of this grand lodge near the Grand lodge of Canada;

And further Resolved, That this grand lodge tenders fraternal sympathy to the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the loss of a distinguished and eminent brother;

And further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the V. W. the grand secretary under the seal of this grand lodge to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the annual report of the V. W. the grand secretary be taken up for consideration; that the subjects contained in the tenth

and eleventh sections be referred to the board of general purposes, and that the report be received.

The hour appointed for the installation of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, M. W. Brother Robert Thomson Clinch, Grand Master, re-elect, was obligated, invested and installed by Past Grand Master R. W. Brother John V. Ellis, and was saluted and proclaimed "Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz.:

V. W. William F. Bunting,....Grand Secretary.
W. Henry Duffell,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. J. Alfred Clark,.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. James Boone,.....G. Director Ceremonies.
W. Louis B. Messenett,....Asst. G. Dir. Ceremonies.
W. Charles U. Hanford,...Grand Sword Bearer.
W. William Osborne,.....Grand Standard Bearer.
W. Henry Card,.....Grand Organist.
W. Robert J. McAdoo,.....Grand Pursuivant.
W. James Adam,.....Grand Steward.
W. Hiram G. Betts,..... "
W. Andrew J. Stewart,.... "
W. George Moffat,..... "
W. John A. McCallum,..... "
W. David U. Porter,..... "
W. Robert M. Stevens,..... "
W. Bowen Smith,..... "
W. James Cooper,..... "
W. Blair Estabrooks,..... "
W. John A. Beatty,..... "
W. William A. Henderson.. "

The following officers, elected and appointed being present, were installed, invested and proclaimed, viz.:

R. W. WILLIAM H. A. KEANS,...Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. THOMAS F. GILLESPIE.....Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. WILLIAM D. FORSTER,....Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. REV. FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,.Grand Chaplain.
V. W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,....Grand Treasurer.
V. W. WILLIAM F. BUNTING.....Grand Secretary.
W. HENRY DUFFELL,.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. J. ALFRED CLARK.....Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JAMES BOONE,.....Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
W. CHARLES U. HANFORD,...Grand Sword Bearer.
W. HENRY CARD,.....Grand Organist.
W. ROBERT J. MCADOO,.....Grand Pursuivant.
W. HIRAM G. BETTS,.....Grand Steward.
W. ANDREW J. STEWART,..... "
W. JAMES COOPER,..... "
BRO. DINGEE SCRIBNER,..Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master made the following appointments to the board of general purposes for the ensuing year, viz.:

R. W. ROBERT MARSHALL,.....Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. EDWARD WILLIS,..... "
R. W. BENJ. R. STEVENSON,....Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE,.....Past Junior Grand Warden.
V. W. JAMES MCNICHOL, JR.,....Grand Treasurer.
W. HENRY DUFFELL.....Senior Grand Deacon.
W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,....Past G. D. Ceremonies.
W. JOHN MULLIN,.....Past G. Standard Bearer.
W. ALEXANDER BURCHILL,...Past Senior Grand Deacon.
W. HENRY LEONARD.....Past Master Lodge No. 8.

The following were re-appointed "Ritual Committee," viz.:

M. W. Robert T. Clinch, R. W. B. Lester Peters, R. W. John V. Ellis, R. W. William F. Bunting, W. Henry Duffell, and W. T. Nisbet Robertson.

The following were re-appointed "Library Committee," viz.:

R. W. Robert Marshall, R. W. William F. Bunting and V. W. James McNichol, Jr.

The following resolution, viz.: "*Resolved*, That the general business of lodges at regular communications shall be "transacted on the entered apprentice degree," the debate on which was deferred immediately previous to the close of this morning's session, was ruled "out of order" by the M. W. the Grand Master, "as a proposal for adding a new rule of grand lodge for the government of private lodges."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That the committee on credentials receive the thanks of grand lodge for the attention given to the important duties entrusted to them.

Grand Lodge took a recess for the purpose of witnessing the ceremonies of the M. M. degree upon a candidate in Saint John's Lodge, No. 2, an emergency communication of the lodge having been summoned for the purpose. The same officers filled the various stations as in the working of the E. A. and F. C. degrees. At the conclusion of the ceremonies grand lodge was called to labor again.

The following resolution was proposed by R. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Past Grand Master, and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of grand lodge be tendered to R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, and the worshipful brothers acting under him as lodge officers, in exemplifying the work of the three degrees at this present session;

And further Resolved, That this grand lodge desires to record hearty approval of the accurate and effective manner in which the work has been exemplified.

It was moved by the V. W. the Grand Secretary, and

Resolved, That when a new lodge, opened under a dispensation or warrant, may require instruction in the work and ritual, the Grand Master shall be empowered—if he deem it necessary—to appoint a competent brother to visit the lodge for the purpose of giving the officers proper instruction; and such proportion of the expense incurred, which to the Grand Master may appear just and right, shall be paid by the board of general purposes, upon certificate or recommendation of the Grand Master.

The M. W. the Grand Master recommended that the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden be conferred upon R. W. Bro. William T. Wilkinson, the representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Ireland; also upon V. W. Bro. T. B. Pardee, the representative of this grand lodge near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Whereupon it was moved by R. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, P. G. M., and

Resolved, That R. W. Bro. William T. Wilkinson be created a permanent member of this grand lodge, with the rank and title of past junior grand warden.

It was also moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, and

Resolved, That V. W. Bro. T. B. Pardee, be created a permanent member of this grand lodge, with the rank and title of past junior grand warden.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. James McNichol, Jr., Grand Treasurer, and

Resolved, That grand lodge adopt that part of the annual report of the board of general purposes contained in section 5, viz.: "The sub-committee further recommend that the grand secretary be directed to bring specially under the notice of the craft in the jurisdiction, the object of this (Benevolence) fund, and at the time of the next festival of St. John the Evangelist (27th Dec., 1876), solicit from lodges and individual brethren donations towards it, in the name of grand lodge."

The M. W. the Grand Master thanked the brethren present for their attendance, and the close attention given by them to the business of the communication.

All business having been disposed of, grand lodge was closed in *ample* form.

Wm. D. Rowling
Grand Secy.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 27TH DECEMBER, 1875.

Lodge No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended and excluded	Died.	Total Members.
1	Albion,	12	13	12	1	....	6	9	2	170
2	Saint John's,	7	7	8	2	....	2	....	..	137
3	Hibernia,	17	2	7	1	....	6	8	2	140
4	Sussex,	3	4	3	....	....	....	....	1	23
5	Saint Mark's,	5	3	3	....	....	1	....	1	74
6	Solomon's,	3	5	6	2	....	4	....	2	74
7	Sussex,	10	14	15	....	....	3	....	1	93
8	Carleton Union,	4	4	4	....	....	2	....	1	132
9	Midian,	....	....	....	1	....	3	....	1	26
10	Union of Portland,	12	14	15	2	....	4	5	4	188
11	Woodstock,	9	9	9	1	....	4	....	4	79
12	Saint George,	12	11	11	2	1	2	....	..	132
13	Corinthian,	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	..	28
14	Alley,	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	51
15	Howard,	3	4	2	1	....	1	4	1	56
16	Saint Andrew,	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	..	63
17	Northumberland,	10	11	11	2	....	3	....	1	86
18	Miramichi,	4	4	3	1	....	1	....	..	66
19	Leinster,	6	4	4	1	....	10	1	2	73
20	Salisbury	5	2	2	1	1	2	....	1	42
21	Zion	13	10	10	1	....	4	....	..	58
22	New Brunswick	3	3	2	2	....	2	16	1	76
23	Keith,	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	..	60
24	Portland,	1	2	2	....	....	1	....	..	34
25	Restigouche,	11	10	10	....	....	4	8	..	60
26	Victoria,	6	5	7	1	....	2	....	..	73
27	Saint John,	3	3	3		....	2	5	1	34
28	Lebanon,	3	2	2	....	....	1	....	..	23
29	Saint Andrew's,	6	7	6	....	1	1	....	1	56
30	Saint Martin's,	2	3	4	1	1	2	....	1	39
	Total,	171	156	162	29	4	76	56	29	2246

List of Sister Grand Lodges, with the Names and Addresses of Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS
Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
British Columbia,	Coote M. Chambers,	Victoria, V. I.
California,	Alexander G. Abell,	San Francisco.
Canada,	John J. Mason,	Hamilton.
Colorada,	Ed. C. Parmelee,	Georgetown.
Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Dakota,	Mark W. Bailey.	Canton.
Delaware,	William S. Hayes,	Wilmington
District of Columbia,	Wm. R. Singleton,	Washington.
England,	John Hervey,	London.
Florida,	DeWitt C. Dawkins,	Jacksonville.
France,	F. Thevenot,	Paris.
Georgia,	J. Emmett Blackshear,	Macon.
Idaho,	Joseph Pinkham,	Boise City.
Illinois,	John F. Burrill,	Springfield.
Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	Theodore S. Parvin,	Iowa City.
Ireland,	Samuel B. Oldham,	Dublin.
Kansas,	John H. Brown,	Wyandotte.
Kentucky,	John M. Todd.	Louisville.
Louisiana,	James C. Batchelor,	New Orleans.
Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Manitoba,	John H. Bell,	Winnipeg.
Maryland,	Jacob H. Medairy,	Baltimore.
Massachussetts,	Charles H. Titus,	Boston.
Michigan,	Ellery J. Garfield.	Detroit.
Minnesota,	A. T. C. Pierson,	Saint Paul.
Mississippi,	J. L. Power,	Jackson.
Missouri,	Geo. Frank Gouley,	St. Louis.
Montana,	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.
Nebraska,	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.

Nevada, ... Samuel W. Chubbuck, . Virginia.
New Hampshire, ... John A. Harris, ... Concord.
New Jersey, ... Joseph H. Hough, ... Trenton.
New York, ... James M. Austin, ... New York.
North Carolina, ... Donald W. Bain, ... Raleigh.
Nova Scotia, ... Benjamin Curren, ... Halifax.
Ohio, ... John D. Caldwell, ... Cincinnati.
Oregon, ... R. P. Earhart, ... Portland.
Pennsylvania, ... John Thomson, ... Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island, B. Wilson Higgs, ... Charlottetown.
Quebec, ... John H. Isaacson, ... Montreal.
Rhode Island, ... Edwin Baker, ... Providence.
Scotland, ... John Lawrie, ... Edinburgh.
South Carolina, ... Charles Inglesby, ... Charleston.
Tennessee, ... John Frizzell, ... Nashville.
Texas, ... George H. Bringhurst, . Houston.
Utah, ... Christopher Diehl, ... Salt Lake City.
Vermont, ... Henry Clark, ... Rutland.
Virginia, ... John Dove, ... Richmond.
Washington, ... Thomas M. Reed, ... Olympia.
West Virginia, ... Odell S. Long, ... Wheeling.
Wisconsin, ... John W. Woodhull, . . . Milwaukee.
Wyoming, ... John K. Jeffrey, ... Cheyenne.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in Sister Grand Lodges.

Canada, ... T. B. Pardee, ... Sarnia.
England, ... Brackstone Baker, ... London.
Iowa, ... Rev. W. W. Estabrooks, Sioux City.
Ireland, ... Wm. T. Wilkinson, . . . Dublin.
Louisiana, ... Edwin Marks, ... New Orleans.
Maine, ... Denison E. Seymour, . Calais.
Manitoba, ... Geo. F. Newcomb, ... Winnipeg.

Michigan,.....D. Burnham Tracy,..Detroit.
Minnesota,.....James N. Castle,.....Stillwater.
Missouri,.....Geo. Frank Gouley,...St. Louis.
Nebraska,.....Edwin A. Allen,.....Omaha.
New Jersey,.....Daniel B. Bruen.....Newark.
New York,.....Joseph Kenworthy,..New York.
Nova Scotia,.....William Taylor,.....Halifax.
P. E. Island,.....John W. Morrison,...Charlottetown.
Quebec,..... Henry M. Alexander,.Montreal.
Scotland,.....Alexander Hay,.....Edinburgh.
Tennessee,.....George S. Blackie,.....Nashville.
Texas,.....James F. Miller,.....Gonzales.
Utah,.....Christopher Diehl,....Salt Lake City.
West Virginia,.....Geo. W. Atkinson,..Charleston.
Wisconsin,.....Harvey E. Hubbard, La Crosse.

Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges in the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Canada,.....John V. Ellis,.....Carleton.
England,.....Robert T. Clinch,....Saint John.
Florida,.....B. Lester Peters,.....Saint John.
Iowa,.....Robert Marshall,.....Saint John.
Ireland,.....James McNichol, Jr.,..Saint John.
Louisiana,.....Edwin J. Wetmore,..Carleton.
Maine,.....David Brown,.....Saint Stephen.
Manitoba,.....William F. Dibblee,..Woodstock.
Michigan,.....Benj. R. Stevenson,..Saint Andrews.
Minnesota,.....Charles Ketchum,....Saint John.
Missouri,.....William F. Bunting,..Saint John.
Nebraska,.....William Wedderburn,.Saint John.
New Jersey,.....Robert R. Call,.....Newcastle.
New York,.....B. Lester Peters,....Saint John.
Nova Scotia,.....B. Lester Peters,.....Saint John.

Prince Edward Island,	G. Hudson Flewelling,	Clifton.
Quebec,	Edward Willis,	Saint John.
Scotland,	Robert Gowan,	Fredericton.
Tennessee,	B. Lester Peters,	Saint John.
Texas,	David R. Munro,	Portland.
Utah,	William F. Bunting,	Saint John.
West Virginia	John Richards,	Fredericton.
Wisconsin,	John V. Ellis,	Carleton.
Wyoming,	David Main,	Saint Stephen.

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